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Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

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जनपथ, नई दिल्ली / Janpath, New Delhi,
दिनांक / Dated: 11.05.2026

कार्यालय ज्ञापन / OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Framing of Recruitment Rules (RRs) in respect of Group 'C' posts existing in the divisions under the National Sample Survey (NSS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to upload the Draft Recruitment Rules (RRs) of Group 'C' posts of Upper Division Clerk, Lower Division Clerk, Multi-Tasking Staff, Driver Grade-I, Driver Grade-II, Driver (Ordinary Grade), Stenographer Grade-II existing in the divisions under the National Sample Survey (NSS) viz. FOD, HSD and EnSD on the website of MoSPI for 30 days seeking comments from all the stakeholders.

2. It is, therefore, requested that the comments, if any, on the same may be sent to the Administration (MoSPI) at email <love.kush35@nic.in> and <prajival.k@mospi.gov.in> by 10.06.2026 for further examination.

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To,

All Stakeholders

Copy to: Joint Director, DIID, East Block – 10, R. K. Puram, New Delhi with the request to upload this OM on the website of MoSPI under '*WHAT's NEW*' Tab.

Copy also to: DDG (Admin.), FOD (Hq.), Sankhyiki Bhawan, Delhi.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE**

**New
Delhi, ... May, 2026**

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R..... - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Field Operations Division, Upper Division Clerk, Recruitment Rules, 2023., National Sample Survey Organisation (Data Processing Division and Survey Design & Research Division) Group 'C' (Ministerial Posts) Recruitment Rules, 1987 and Central Statistics Office(Industrial Statistics Wing),Kolkata, Lower Division Clerk and Upper Division Clerk, (Group 'C' posts), Recruitment Rules, 2016 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Upper Division Clerk, Field Operations Division, Coordination Quality & Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, National Statistics Office in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**– (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household

Survey Division, Upper Division Clerk, Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Application.**– These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. **Number of post, classification and level in the pay matrix.**– The number of post, its classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.
4. **Method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications, etc.** – The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.
5. **Disqualification.**– No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. **Power to relax.**– Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing,

relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

7. **Saving.** - Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Name of Post	Number of Post	Classification	Level in pay matrix	Whether Selection post or non-selection post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Upper Division Clerk	167*(2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload)	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Ministerial.	Level-4 (Rs.25500-81100)	Non-selection

Age limit of Direct Recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
(6)	(7)
Not applicable	Not applicable

Whether age and educational qualifications	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by	In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation or
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prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	deputation or absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made.
(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Not applicable.	Not applicable.	By promotion failing which by deputation.	Promotion: Lower Division Clerk, in level - 2 (Rs.19900-Rs.63200) in the pay matrix with eight years' service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis. (Promotion shall be made State/UT-wise) Deputation: Officers of the Central Government- (a) (i) Holding a analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or Department; or (ii) With eight years' service in the grade of Lower Division Clerk or

				equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and (b) Possessing Bachelor Degree of a recognized University or equivalent.
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				Note 1: The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for appointment by promotion.
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				Note 2: Period of deputation including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or Department of the Central Government shall
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		ordinarily not exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.
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If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
(12)	(13)
1. Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) in Delhi (FOD Hqrs, AS Wing Faridabad, EnSU Delhi, RO Delhi and CQCD), consisting of:- 1. Deputy Director General, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division (Headquarter) - Chairperson; 2. Deputy Director, Enterprise Survey Unit, Delhi- Member; 3. A Group 'A' Officer from any other Ministry or Department of the Central Government - Member.	Not applicable.
2. Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) in	

**States/UTs other than Delhi,
consisting of :-**

1. Regional Head in the State Capital Regional Office (not below the rank of Director) – Chairman;
2. Deputy Director, Household Survey Division/ Enterprise Survey Division/ Field Operations Division (other regional offices in that state)– Member;
3. A Group 'A' Officer from any other Ministry or Department of the Central or State Government – Member.

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Neelam Arora, Under Secretary

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New Delhi, ... May, 2021

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R..... - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Field Operations Division, Lower Division Clerk, Recruitment Rules, 2023, National Sample Survey Organisation (Data Processing Division and Survey Design & Research Division) Group 'C' (Ministerial Posts) Recruitment Rules, 1987 and Central Statistics Office (Industrial Statistics Wing), Lower Division Clerk and Upper Division Clerk, (Group 'C' posts), Recruitment Rules, 2016 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Lower Division Clerk, Field Operations Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, National Statistics Office in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, Lower Division Clerk, Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. **Application.**— These rules shall apply to the posts specified in

column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3. **Number of post, classification and level in the pay matrix**— The number of post, its classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.
4. **Method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications, etc.**— The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.
5. **Disqualification.**— No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. **Power to Relax.**— Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.
7. **Saving.**— Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Name of Post	Number of Post	Classification	Level in pay matrix	Whether Selection post or non-selection post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Lower Division Clerk	239*(2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload)	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Ministerial.	Level-2 (Rs.19900-63200)	Non-selection

Age limit of Direct Recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
(6)	(7)
Between 18 to 27 years. (Relaxable for Government Servant up to the age of 40 years in case of general candidates and upto 45 years in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time) Note : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be as advertised by Staff Selection Commission.	Essential: (i) 12th pass from a recognised Board or University, and (ii) A typing speed of 35 word per minute in English or 30 word per minute in Hindi on computer (35 work per minute and 30 word per minute corresponding to 10500 key depression per hour/9000 key depression per hour on an average of 5 key depressions for each word).

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Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation or absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation or absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made.
(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
		i. Eighty five percent by direct recruitment through Staff Selection Commission. ii. Ten percent of the vacancies shall be filled from amongst the Group 'C' staff, National Statistics Office in the Field Operations Division (FOD) & Coordination & Quality Control Division (CQCD), Enterprise Survey Division (EnSD) and Household Survey Division (HSD) in the level - 1 (Rs.18000 – 56900) in the pay matrix possessing 12th class pass or equivalent qualification and have rendered three years regular service in the grade, on the	

Educational qualification – Yes, Age - No	Two years for direct recruits	basis of departmental qualifying examination. The maximum age limit for eligibility for departmental examination is 45 years (50 years of age for the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe) Note 1: If more of such employees than the number of vacancies available under clause (ii) qualified at the examination, such excess number of employees shall be considered for filling the vacancies arising in the subsequent years so that the employees qualifying at an earlier examination are considered before those who qualify at a later examination. iii. Five percent of the vacancies shall be filled on seniority cum-fitness basis from Group 'C' employees who having three years regular service in the National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division (FOD) & Coordination & Quality Control Division (CQCD), Enterprise Survey Division (EnSD) and Household Survey Division (HSD) in the level -1 (Rs. 18000-56900) in the pay matrix. Note 2: Promotion being effected State wise. Vacancies in the	As stated in column (10)
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	cadre of Lower Division Clerk shall be filled by direct recruitment against Eighty five percent quota in States/UTs and ten percent and five percent quota shall be filled up by departmental examination and by promotion respectively from Group 'C' employees in the level-1 (Rs.18000-56900) in the pay matrix working in those offices.	
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If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
(12)	(13)
1.Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion and confirmation) in Delhi (FOD Hqrs, AS Wing Faridabad, EnSU Delhi, RO Delhi and CQCD) consisting of:-- 1. Director(Administration) or Chief Administrative Officer, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, (Headquarter) - Chairperson 2. Deputy Director, National Statistics Office, Enterprise Survey Unit- Member 3. A Group 'A' Officer from any other Ministries or Department of the Central Government– Member	Not applicable.
2.Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion and confirmation) in States/UTs other than Delhi, consisting of :--	

1. Deputy Director General (Region) or Director (Region) at State Capital - Chairman 2. Deputy Director, Enterprise Survey Division/Household Survey Division/Field Operations Division (other regional offices in that state), National Statistics Office- Member 3. A Group 'A' Officer from any other Ministry or Department of the Central or State Government– Member	
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**New
Delhi, ... May, 2026**

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R..... - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Field Operations Division, Multi-Tasking Staff, Recruitment Rules, 2023, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Data Processing Division and Survey Design and Research Division, Multi-Tasking Staff, Group 'C' Post, Recruitment Rules, 2012, and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Central Statistical Office (Industrial Statistics Wing), Kolkata, Multi-Tasking Staff, Group 'C' Posts Recruitment Rules, 2012 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Multi-Tasking Staff, Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, National Statistics Office in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**– (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, Multi-Tasking Staff, Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette

2. **Application.**– These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.
3. **Number of post,** classification and level in the pay matrix. – The number of post, its classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.
4. **Method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications, etc.** – The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating thereto shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.
5. **Disqualification.**– No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living, or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. **Power to relax.**– Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.
7. **Saving.**– Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Name of Post	Number of Post	Classification	Level in pay matrix	Whether Selection post or non-selection post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Multi-Tasking Staff	442*(2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload)	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level-1 (Rs.18000-56900)	Not applicable

Age limit of Direct Recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
(6)	(7)
Between 18 to 27 years (Relaxable for Government Servant up to the age of 40 years in case of general candidates and upto 45 years in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government from time to time) Note : The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be as advertised by Staff Selection Commission.	E s s e n t i a l : (i) Matriculation Examination pass from a recognised Board or equivalent. Desirable: Knowledge of operating of photocopying, Duplo, Gestetner and Fax Machine, etc. including knowledge to operate computer. Candidates who can drive vehicle (if in possession of valid driving license) will be preferred.

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Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Period of probation, if any	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation or absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation or absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made.
(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Not applicable	Two years	By direct recruitment through Staff Selection Commission.	Not applicable

If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
(12)	(13)
1. Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation) in Delhi (FOD Hqrs, AS Wing Faridabad, EnSU Delhi, RO Delhi and C&QCD) consisting of:-	

1. Director (Administration) or Chief Administrative Officer, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, (Headquarter) - Chairman 2. Deputy Director, Enterprise Survey Unit, Delhi - Member 3. A Group 'A' Officer from other Central Government Offices - Member	
2.Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation) in States/UTs other than Delhi, consisting of :- 1. Director(Region) at State Capital - Chairman 2. Deputy Director, Enterprise Survey Division or Household Survey Division or Field Operations Division (other Regional Offices in the State) - Member 3. An Officer of the rank of Deputy Director to be Co-opted from other Central or State Government Department - Member	Not applicable.

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**New Delhi, ...
May, 2026**

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R..... - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, and in supersession of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Field Operations Division, Driver Grade - I, Driver Grade - II and Driver (Ordinary Grade), Recruitment Rules, 2023 and National Sample Survey Office, Data Processing Division and Survey Design and Research Division, Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade) Recruitment Rules, 2012, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the posts of Driver Grade - I, Driver Grade - II and Driver (Ordinary Grade) in the Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, namely:-

1 . Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, Driver Grade - I, Driver Grade - II and Driver (Ordinary Grade), Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2 . **Application.**– These rules shall apply to the posts specified in column (1) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3 . **Number of posts, classification and level in the pay matrix.**– The number of posts, its classification and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (2) to (4) of the aforesaid Schedule.

4 . **Method of recruitment, age limit and qualifications, etc.**– The method of recruitment, age limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said post shall be as specified in columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

5. **Disqualification.**– No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person,

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

6. **Power to Relax.**– Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

7 . **Saving.**– Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance

with the orders issued by the Central Government from time to time in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Name of Post	Number of post	Classification	Level in the Pay Matrix	Whether Selection Post or Non-selection Post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1). Driver Grade - I.	5* (2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload).	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level - 5 (Rs.29200-Rs.92300).	Non-selection.

Age limit for direct recruits.	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits.	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees.	Period of probation, if any.	Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or deputation/absorption and percentage of vacancies to be filled by various methods.
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	By promotion.

		Circumstances in which the
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In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion or deputation/absorption to be made.	If Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition.	Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment.
(11)	(12)	(13)
Promotion: Driver Grade - II in National Statistics Office (Field Operations Division (including Regional Offices and Sub-Regional Offices), Coordination & Quality Control Division (including Zonal Offices), Enterprise Survey Division (including Enterprise Survey Units and Industrial Statistics Wing) and Household Survey Division (including Household Survey Units) in level-4 (Rs.25500 - Rs.81100) in the pay matrix with 5 years of regular service in the grade or with a combined service of 13 years in Driver Grade - II in level-4 (Rs.25500-Rs.81100) in the pay matrix and Driver (Ordinary Grade) in level-2 (Rs.19900-Rs.63200) in the pay matrix; and have passed the trade test, specified by the Government.	Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of:- 1. Director (Administration), Field Operations Division, Headquarters Office - Chairperson; 2. Representative from Enterprise Survey Unit (EnSU) Delhi - Member; 3. Senior Administrative Officer/ Administrative Officer, Field Operations	Not applicable.

	Division, Headquarters Office – Member; 4. An Officer of the rank of at least Under Secretary from the other Central Government Offices- Member.	
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(2). Driver Grade - II.	4* (2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload).	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Non- Ministerial.	Level - 4 (Rs.25500- Rs.81100).	Non- selection.

(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	By promotion.

(11)	(12)	(13)
Promotion: Driver (Ordinary Grade) working in National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division (including Regional Offices and Sub-Regional Offices), Coordination & Quality	Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering promotion) consisting of:-	

Control Division (including Zonal Offices), Enterprise Survey Division (including Enterprise Survey Units and Industrial Statistics Wing) and Household Survey Division (including Household Survey Units) in level-2 (Rs.19900 - Rs.63200) in the pay matrix with eight years of regular service in the grade and have passed the trade test, specified by the Government.	1. Director (Administration), Field Operations Division, Headquarters Office - Chairperson; 2. Representative from Enterprise Survey Unit (EnSU) Delhi - Member - Member; 3. Senior Administrative Officer/Administrative Officer, Field Operations Division, Headquarters Office - Member; 4. An Officer of the rank of at least Under Secretary from the other Central Government Offices.- Member	Not applicable.
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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(3) Driver (Ordinary Grade).	8* (2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload).	General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial.	Level - 2 (Rs.19900-Rs.63200).	Not applicable.

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(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Not exceeding 25 years (Relaxable for Government servants upto the age of 40 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government). Note: The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the closing date for receipt of applications from candidates in India and not the closing date prescribed for those in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Lahaul and Spiti District and Pangi Sub-division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh, Union territory of Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep. In the case of recruitment through Employment Exchange, the crucial date for determining the age limit shall be the last date upto which Employment	Essential:- (i) Possession of a valid driving license of Light Motor Vehicles (Car / Jeep / Three Wheeler) (ii) Knowledge of Light Motor Vehicle (Car / Jeep / Three Wheeler) mechanism (the candidate should be able to remove minor defects in vehicle). (iii) Experience of driving a Light Motor Vehicles (Car / Jeep / Three Wheeler) for at least three years. (iv) 10th pass from recognized board. Desirable:- Three years service as Home Guard / Civil Volunteers. Note: The	Not applicable.	Two years for direct recruits or re-employed.

Exchange is asked to submit names.	qualifications regarding experience is/are relaxable at the discretion of the competent authority. In case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste or the Scheduled Tribes, if at any stage of selection, the competent authority is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates belonging to these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancies reserved for them.		
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(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Deputation / Absorption failing which by direct recruitment. For Armed	Deputation / Absorption: From amongst the regular Dispatch Rider	Departmental Confirmation Committee (for considering confirmation) consisting of:-	Not applicable.

Forces Personnel: Deputation / re-employment.	(Group C) and Group 'C' employees in National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division (including Regional Offices & Sub-Regional Offices), Coordination and Quality Control Division (including Zonal Offices), Enterprise Survey Division (including Enterprise Survey Units and Industrial Statistics Wing) and Household Survey Division (including Household Survey Units) in level-1 (Rs.18000-Rs.56900) in the pay matrix, who possess a valid driving license for Light Motor Vehicles (Cars / Jeep /	In Headquarters Office 1. Deputy Director (Administration), Field Operations Division, Headquarters Office - Chairperson; 2. Senior Administrative Officer/Administrative Officer, Field Operations Division, Headquarters Office - Member; 3. An Officer of the rank of Section Officer from any other Central Government Office - Member. In Regional Office 1. Director in the State Capital - Chairperson; 2. Head of Office (Region) in State Capital - Member; 3. An Officer of the rank of Assistant Director from any local Central Government Office- Member.	
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(Cars / Jeep /
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failing which
from officials
holding the post
of Dispatch
Rider on
regular basis or
regular Group
'C' employees
level-1
(Rs.18000-
Rs.56900) in
the pay matrix
in Ministries of
the Central
Government
who fulfill the
necessary
qualification as
mentioned in
Column (7).

**Deputation /
Re-
employment
for Armed
Forces
Personnel:**

	The Armed Forces Personnel due to retire or who are to be transferred to reserve within a period of one year and having the requisite experience and qualifications prescribed shall also be considered. Such persons would be given deputation terms upto the date on which they are due for release from the Armed Forces; thereafter they may be continued on re-employment. Note: The period of deputation including the period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in		
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	the same or some other organisation / Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation / absorption shall be 'Not exceeding fifty-six years' as on the closing date of receipt of applications.	
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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION
NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE**

**New
Delhi, ... May, 2026**

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R- In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to article 309 of the Constitution and in supersession of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Sample Survey Office, Field Operations Division, Stenographer Grade - II, Recruitment Rules, 2023 and National Sample Survey Organisation (Data Processing Division and Survey Design & Research Division) Group 'C' (Ministerial Posts) Recruitment Rules 1987, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the President hereby makes the following rules regulating the method of recruitment to the post of Stenographer Grade-II in the Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, National Statistics Office, Field Operations Division, Coordination & Quality Control Division, Enterprise Survey Division and Household Survey Division, Stenographer Grade-II, Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2 . Number of post, classification and level in pay matrix.- The number of post, its classification and pay level or pay scale attached thereto shall be as specified in Columns (2) to (4) of the Schedule annexed to these rules.

3 . Method of recruitment, age-limit, other qualifications, etc.- The method of recruitment, age-limit, qualifications and other matters relating to the said post shall be as specified in Columns (5) to (13) of the said Schedule.

4. Disqualification.- No person, -

(a) who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or

(b) who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person;

shall be eligible for appointment to the said post:

Provided that the Central Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5 . Power to Relax.- Where the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. Saving.- Nothing in these rules shall affect reservations, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the Other Backward Class, the Ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Central Government.

SCHEDULE

Name of Post	Number of Post	Classification	Level in pay matrix	Whether Selection post or non-selection
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				post
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Stenographer Grade - II.	40*(2026) *(Subject to variation dependent on workload)	General Central Service Group 'C' Non-Gazetted, Ministerial.	Level - 4 (Rs.25500 - Rs.81100).	Not applicable

Age limit of Direct Recruits	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits
(6)	(7)
Between 18 to 27 years. (Relaxable for Government servants up to 40 years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Central Government). Note: The crucial date for determining the age limit shall be as advertised by the Staff Selection Commission.	(i) 12th Class pass or equivalent from a recognized board or University; (ii) Skill Test Norms,- Dictation: 10 Minutes @80 w.p.m. Transcription: 50 minutes (English) 65 minutes (Hindi) (only on Computer).

Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct	Period of probation,	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation or	In case of recruitment by promotion or deputation or absorption, grades
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recruits will apply in the case of promotees	if any	absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods.	from which promotion or deputation or absorption to be made.
(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Not applicable	Two years	By direct recruitment through Staff Selection Commission. Note 1: Vacancies caused by the incumbent being away on deputation or long illness or study leave or under other circumstances of one year or more may be filled on deputation from the officials of the Central Government holding analogous posts on regular basis and possessing the qualifications prescribed for direct recruits under column (7) Note 2: Period of deputation including period of deputation in	Not applicable

	another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or Department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed three years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation shall be not exceeding fifty-six years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.	
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If a Departmental Promotion Committee exists, what is its composition	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission is to be consulted in making recruitment
(12)	(13)
(i) Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation cases in Delhi (FOD Hqrs, AS Wing Faridabad, EnSU Delhi, RO Delhi and C&QCD) consisting of :- 1. Director (A) or Director or Chief	

Administrative Officer - Chairperson; 2. Representative of Enterprise Survey Unit (EnSU), Delhi - Member; 3. Senior Administrative Officer or Administrative Officer - Member; 4. An officer of the rank of Deputy Director from other Central or State Government Offices - Member. (ii) Group 'C' Departmental Promotion Committee (for considering confirmation cases in States/UTs other than Delhi) consisting of :- 1. Deputy Director General (R) or Director (R) - Chairperson; 2. Director or Deputy Director, Enterprise Survey Division/Household Survey Division/Field Operations Division (other regional offices in that state), National Statistics Office Member; 3. An officer of the rank of Assistant Director to be co-opted from other Central or State Government or Department - Member.	Not applicable.
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