Applications for the post of Chairperson and Members in the interim Rail Tariff Authority (RTA), New Delhi

Reference Ministry of Railway's advertisement for appointment to the posts of Chairperson & Members in the interim Rail Tariff Authority (RTA), New Delhi. Eligibility conditions for Item 3 (Member/RTA) may be substituted to read as follows:

'A Member from amongst persons having professional and administrative experience and expertise in the field of financial management of Railways, including pricing of its services, and who is or has been a Secretary (in the grade Rs.80,000/- fixed) or Special Secretary (in the grade Rs.80,000/- fixed) to Government of India or has held any equivalent post in the Central Government'.

2. All other contents of the original Vacancy Notice shall remain unchanged.

Manoj Kumar
Under Secretary/E(O)II
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)
Room No. 269/2
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New Delhi -110001
Inviting applications for the post of Chairperson and Members in the interim Rail Tariff Authority (RTA), New Delhi

Applications are invited for the following posts in the interim Rail Tariff Authority, New Delhi under the Ministry of Railways:

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| 1. Chairperson | 01           | The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Central Government from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing, having notable expertise and professional and administrative experience in economics, finance, accountancy, law or management which would, in the opinion of the Central Government, be useful to the Authority.  
Provided that a person who is or has been in the service of Government shall not be appointed as Chairperson unless such person has held the post of Secretary to the Government of India or any equivalent post in the Central Government. |
| 2. Member  | 01           | A Member from amongst persons having professional and administrative experience and expertise in the fields of operating and commercial working of railways including pricing of its services and who is or has been a Secretary (in the grade Rs.80000/- fixed) or Special Secretary (in the grade Rs.80000/- fixed) to the Government of India or has held any equivalent post in the Central Government. |
| 3. Member  | 01           | A Member from amongst persons having professional and administrative experience and expertise in the field of financial management of Railways, including pricing of its services and who is or has been a Secretary (in the grade Rs.80000/- fixed) to the Government of India or has held any equivalent post in the Central Government. |
| 4. Member  | 02           | Two Members having expertise and professional experience in economics, finance, accountancy, law or management which would, in the opinion of the Central Government, be useful to the Authority.  
Provided that two Members would as far as practicable be from different disciplines or areas of specialization.  
Provided further that a person who is or has been in the service of the Government shall not be appointed as a Member unless such person has held the post of Additional Secretary to the Government of India (in the grade of Rs.67000-79000/-) or any equivalent post in the Central Government. |
2. **Tenure:** The Chairperson and Members shall hold office for a period of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and when he is eligible for re-appointment.

Provided that no person shall hold office as the Chairperson after he has attained the age of sixty-five years.

Provided that no person shall hold office as Member after he has attained the age of sixty-five years.

The Chairperson or Members shall not hold any other office.

3. Details of the posts, terms and conditions of appointment, prescribed proforma for the application etc., for the posts mentioned above are given in the Annexures.

4. Government / public sector applicants must forward the applications through proper channel, duly verified and counter signed, along with the following documents:

   (a) Duly attested Annual Confidential Reports/APARs of the last five years;
   (b) Integrity Certificate;
   (c) Vigilance clearance certification that no disciplinary proceedings or criminal proceedings are either pending or contemplated against the officer concerned; and
   (d) List of major/minor penalties, if any, imposed on the candidate and, otherwise, a certificate confirming that no penalty has been imposed on the officer during service.

Non Government/non public sector applicants may provide equivalent documents to the ones listed above, as applicable to their organisations.

5. The last date / time for receiving the completed applications is 28.02.2014, 1730 hours. Duly filled in applications in the prescribed proforma, available on the website, may be submitted to the address indicated below:

   Shri Manoj Kumar
   Under Secretary/E(O)II
   Ministry of Railways
   (Railway Board)
   R.No.269/2, Rail Bhavan,
   Raisina Road, New Delhi 110001
Application for the post of Chairperson / Member
in the *Interim* Rail Tariff Authority

**POST APPLIED FOR**

1. Name of the candidate
2. Date of Birth (Christian era)
3. Category (SC / ST / OBC / others)
4. Present post held
5. Service to which belongs
6. Present pay and scale of pay
7. Complete postal Address
   - Permanent
   - Present
8. Contact Nos.
   - Telephone (O)
   - Telephone (R)
   - Mobile No.
9. Educational Qualification
   - (i) Academic
   - (ii) Professional
10. Details of experience and brief service particulars

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11. Any other information in support of the application.

(Signature of applicant)

Date:

Enclosures:
F.No.-(-) 2012/TC(CR)/605/4--...- The Government approved on 20th January 2014 the proposal to constitute Rail Tariff Authority

Whereas, the Ministry of Railways proposes to introduce a Bill for amending The Railways Act, 1989 in a forthcoming session of Parliament, the Government are satisfied that pending the enactment of a comprehensive legislation it is necessary to constitute and make operational an interim body as a precursor to the proposed statutory Authority, with which the interim body would be ultimately merged, or which it will be converted into when the latter is constituted;

Now, therefore, the Government of India do hereby constitute the interim Rail Tariff Authority (RTA) under the overall administrative control of the Ministry of Railways as follows:

(i) The primary function of this Authority would be to develop an integrated, transparent and dynamic pricing mechanism for the determination of tariffs on Indian Railways and pending enactment of the requisite legislation, to advise the Central Government on fixation of tariffs for Indian Railways based on cost of operations and factors impinging on it, with a view to not only achieve its recovery but, also, generate requisite surpluses for healthy growth in times ahead.

(ii) The Authority shall consist of a Chairperson and not more than four whole time Members to be appointed by the Central Government.

(iii) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Central Government from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing, having notable expertise and professional and administrative experience in economics, finance, accountancy, law or management which would, in the opinion of the Central Government, be useful to the Authority.

Provided that a person who is or has been in the service of Government shall not be appointed as Chairperson unless such person has held the post of Secretary to the Government of India or any equivalent post in the Central Government.
(iv) A Member from amongst persons having professional and administrative experience and expertise in the fields of operating and commercial working of railways, including pricing of its services, and who is or has been a Secretary (in the grade ₹ 80,000 fixed) or Special Secretary (in the grade ₹ 80,000 fixed) to Government of India or has held any equivalent post in the Central Government.

(v) A Member from amongst persons having professional and administrative experience and expertise in the field of financial management of Railways, including pricing of its services, and who is or has been a Secretary (in the grade ₹ 80,000 fixed) to Government of India or has held any equivalent post in the Central Government.

(vi) Two Members having expertise and professional experience in economics, finance, accountancy, law or management which would, in the opinion of the Central Government, be useful to the Authority.

Provided that two Members would as far as practicable be from different disciplines or areas of specialization.

Provided further that a person who is or has been in the service of Government shall not be appointed as a Member unless such person has held the post of Additional Secretary to the Government of India (in the grade ₹ 67000-79000) or any equivalent post in the Central Government.

(vii) The Chairperson or Members shall not hold any other office.

(viii) The Chairperson and Members shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of:

   a. Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
   b. Chairman, Railway Board - Member
   c. Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, if designated as Finance Secretary, failing which, Secretary, Department of Expenditure - Member
   d. One Expert to be nominated by MoR - Member

(ix) The Selection Committee shall finalize the selection within one month from the date on which the reference is made to it and recommend a panel of two names for every vacancy referred to it.

(x) The Chairperson and Members of RTA are to be appointed as per the terms and conditions given at Annex-I.

(xl) Chairperson of the RTA shall have appropriate powers to discharge the functions of the RTA effectively. For this purpose, the RTA shall provide itself with suitable supporting staff.
(xii) The Government will provide adequate grants for meeting the expenses incurred by the RTA. The Authority shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India. The accounts of the Authority shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India at such intervals as may be specified by him.

(xiii) Subject to the overall directions and guidelines of the Government the RTA shall:

a) Advise the Ministry of Railways on all matters related to fixation of tariffs, viz. rates for passenger and freight services, including for freight traffic carried in privately owned wagons in relation to the railway system, and track access charges.

The recommendation shall ordinarily be accepted by the Central Government (Ministry of Railways). However, if at any time the Central Government is of the opinion that circumstances exist which render it necessary to revise the tariff proposed by the Rail Tariff Authority, the Central Government may, within a specified time period, send a reasoned note to the Rail Tariff Authority for reconsideration.

b) Carry out such other functions as may be delegated to the Authority for the purposes indicated in (a) above.

(xiv) The RTA shall be free to determine its own procedures and will have powers to call for records and data or any other material relevant to its working from official and non-official bodies and also hold discussions with them.

(xv) The RTA will have its headquarters in Delhi and submit periodical reports to Government on various aspects of passenger fares and freight tariffs and on such other specific matters as may be called for by the Government from time to time.

This Resolution shall deem to be effective from 23.01.2014

(H.K. Jagg) Secretary/ Railway Board
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND
MEMBERS OF RAIL TARIFF AUTHORITY (RTA)

(a) TENURE: The Chairperson and Members shall hold office for a period of five
years from the date on which he enters upon his office and when he is eligible
for re-appointment.

Provided that no person shall hold office as the Chairperson after he has
attained the age of sixty five years.

Provided that no person shall hold office as Member after he has attained the
age of sixty-five years.

The Chairperson or Members shall not hold any other office.

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT: Chairperson or whole time Members
would not be eligible for re-employment under the Central Government or any
body / authority substantially financed by the Central Government unless he
has cooled off for a period of two years. Similarly, for two years no
Chairperson or whole time Member would be eligible to take up private
employment after demitting office, in the organizations / conglomerates /
associates that fell within the operational jurisdiction of the concerned
Authority. A whole time Member will sever all connections from the regulated
entities. Whole time Members will declare particulars of employment and
shareholding in regulated entity of the immediate family members, i.e. spouse,
dependent children and parents.

(c) PAY: A Government servant, if appointed as Chairperson, shall receive pay as
admissible to the Secretary or Special Secretary (as the case may be) to the
Government of India or such higher pay as decided by the Government. A
government official, if selected as a whole time Member, shall receive pay as
admissible to the Secretary or Special Secretary or Additional Secretary (as
the case may be) to the Government of India or such higher pay as decided by
the Government. An official of Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), if selected as
a whole time Member, shall draw the last drawn pay in the PSU or such higher
pay as decided by the Government.

In the case of appointment of non government servants as Chairperson or
Member, the salary, allowances and the other terms and conditions of service
shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government.
In the case of appointment of government servants as Chairperson or Member, their salary and allowances shall not be varied to their disadvantage after appointment in the Authority.

(d) **DA & CCA:** The Chairperson and whole time Members shall be entitled to Dearness Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance at the rate admissible to officers of equivalent pay in the Government.

(e) **LTC, TA & DA:** Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance on tour shall be paid to the Chairperson and whole time Members as applicable to Government servants drawing that basic pay. They would also be entitled to facility of temporary Government accommodation in Guest Houses / Inspection Bungalows under the control of the Central Government, wherever applicable, on payment of normal rent at out-stations, of the class to which Government Servants of equivalent pay are eligible.

(f) **VISITS ABROAD:** Official visits abroad by the Chairperson and whole time Members would be undertaken only in accordance with the Government orders as applicable to officers of equal grade in Government of India. In regard to official delegations abroad in which both the administrative Secretary and the Chairperson or Member of the Authority are included, the Secretary would lead the delegation. For domestic tours the Chairperson would keep the Secretary of the administrative Ministry / Department informed.

(g) **ACCOMMODATION:** The Chairperson and whole time Members of RTA will be entitled to hire accommodation in accordance with the Government orders as applicable to officers of equal grade in Government of India. If a Government employee is appointed who has already been allotted a government accommodation, then he will be entitled to retain the same after obtaining approvals at appropriate level. In cases where no accommodation is provided by the authority, house rent allowance at the rate of 30% of Basic Pay including stagnation increment(s) and Dearness Pay will be allowed.

(h) **SUMPTUARY ALLOWANCE:** The Chairperson and whole time Members would be entitled to Sumptuary Allowance as decided by the Government.

(i) **MEDICAL FACILITIES:** The Chairperson and whole time Members shall be entitled to medical facilities in accordance with the Government orders as applicable to officers of equal grade in Government of India.

(j) **TRANSPORT:** The Chairperson and whole time Members shall be entitled to official cars as admissible to officers in the equivalent rank.
(k) **STATUS:** Chairperson and whole time Members would not be accorded Ministerial status.

(l) **LEAVE:** A Chairperson or whole time Member would be entitled to 30 days of Earned Leave for every year of Service. The payment of leave salary during leave, leave encashment shall be governed by provisions of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972.

(m) **ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER RESIDUARY MATTERS:** Administrative matters relating to the operations of RTA or the conditions of service of the Chairperson and its Member, with respect to which no express provision has been made in these instructions, shall be referred in each case to the Central Government for its decision and the decision of the Central Government thereon shall be binding on RTA.