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East Central Railway

Office of the General Manager/Law
6th Floor, NIRMAN BHAWAN,
Mahendrughat, Patna-800004

NOTIFICATION

No. ECR/GM/Law/RA Panel/1219

Dated: 18/11/2025

NOTIFICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF RAILWAY ADVOCATE FOR CONDUCTING RAILWAY'S COURT CASES IN Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)/PATNA and Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT)/PATNA.

Opening date and time of Application	25/11/2025 at 11:00 AM
Closing date and time of Application	19/12/2025 at 17:00 PM
Address for submission of application only in physical mode (by hand or by representative) (On any working day; i.e. Monday to Friday from 11.00 AM to 17.00 PM)	Office of the General Manager/Law 6 th Floor, NIRMAN BHAWAN, Mahendrughat, Patna-800004

1. In pursuant to Railway Board's letter No. 2024/LC/15/1, dated 06.10.2025 the notification No. ECR/GM/Law/RA Panel/639, dated 28/06/2023 for empanelment of Railway Advocate in Central Administrative Tribunal/Patna and Railway Claims Tribunal/Patna which was under process, is hereby treated as cancelled.
2. In supersession of earlier notification dt. 28/06/2023, afresh notification is being issued.
3. (a) Applications are invited from the interested Advocates for empanelment as Railway Advocate for the Central Administrative Tribunal/Patna and Railway Claims Tribunal/Patna, for contesting cases on behalf of Union of India (Railway Administration).
(b) Mode of application: -Duly filled application from the advocates in the proforma specified in Annexure-I who possessing the requisite qualifications and experience as specified in Annexure-II.

4. Qualification:

- i) Minimum Qualification LL.B.

ii) Enrolment Certificate of practice at BAR issued by BAR Council.

iii) Desirable Qualification LL.M.

5. Experience:

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)/PATNA	Experience*
Special Counsel for CAT	Minimum Ten years experience as Practicing Advocate
Panel Counsel for CAT	Minimum Five years experience as Practicing Advocate

Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT)/PATNA.	Experience*
Panel Counsel for RCT	Minimum five years experience as Practicing Advocate

**Cut-off date for reckoning the experience will be the Date of publication of Notification in the Newspaper.*

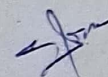
**The Experience Certificate of the Advocate shall be endorsed by the concerned Bar Association.*

6. List of documents to be attached :

- i) Copy of Degree of Law.
- ii) Copy of the Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council.
- iii) Reported Judgement of Court in matters handled in individual capacity.
- iv) Experience Certificate.

7. **Railway Officers having enrolled as Advocates after superannuation:** - Superannuated Railways Officials, having legal background and experience in handling Railway's legal matter and who have enrolled as advocate, may also apply and their eligibility will be considered on the basis of their tenure of handling legal cases in Railway, towards the laid down eligibility criteria.

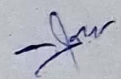
8. Process of empanelment:



- (i) The application shall be scrutinized on the basis of independent enquiry including physical verification of their offices, library or their sitting place etc. The personal interaction for panel formation would be conducted by a committee of officials nominated by Railway Board headed by Legal Adviser, Railway Board, New Delhi. The recommended name of the advocates shall be uploaded on the official website of the East Central Railway [Website: <https://ecr.indianrailways.gov.in>] {Click- Hajipur HQ>> Administration>> Notification of RA Panel} for the purpose of personal interaction and specified therein the date of the personal interaction. No TA/DA will be paid for the said personal interaction. Entire process of empanelment will be dealt as per Railway Board's circular issued from time to time.
- (ii) Further, for CAT panel, Advocates may be segregated in panels as Special Counsels (Advocates with minimum 10 years experience as Advocate) and Panel Counsels (Advocates with minimum 05 years experience as Advocate). It is further clarified that Standing Counsel at CAT will be placed in list of Panel Counsels and not in Special Counsel.

9. Duties of Advocates:

- a) Appear in the said Tribunals, Courts and other Statutory bodies in the case assigned to him.
- b) To give legal advice to the Zonal Railway on such civil, criminal and other matters arising in the course of administration of the Zonal Railway as are referred to him/her by the officers of such Zonal Railway for the purposes of :-
- (i) Examination and settling of drafts of legal nature;
 - (ii) Drafting of applications, petitions etc. to be filed in courts of law;
 - (iii) Prompt removal/curing of defects in appeals/petitions filed, as may be pointed out by the registry;
- c) To give opinion regarding the admissibility of filing an appeal from such a decision not more than the three working days of the receipt of such order, when any case attended to by him/her is decided against the Zonal Railway.
- d) To apply for the copy of the judgment of the Courts, Tribunals and other Statutory bodies in a case attended by him/her on the same day or the next



day and provide the copy within seven days of the receipt of the order (excluding the time taken by the Court in preparation of the copy);

- e) To render, if required, render all assistance to the Law Officers, Special or Senior Counsel, who may be engaged in particular case before the Supreme Court, High Court, Tribunal etc.
- f) To keep the Zonal Railway informed of the important developments in the case from time to time particularly with regard to drafting, filing of papers, dates of hearing of the case, order of the Court on the date of its pronouncement, supplying copies of judgment etc.
- g) To furnish the Zonal Railway monthly statement about the cases represented by him/her before the Tribunals, Courts and other Statutory bodies.
- h) To perform such other duties of legal nature, which may be assigned to him/her by the Zonal Railway.
- i) In case of deletion of name for change of panel counsel, the erstwhile panel counsel to hand over the case file to concerned Law Officer with 5 working days.

10. Performance review

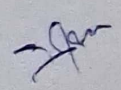
The performance of the panel Advocates/counsels shall be reviewed by the Legal Adviser (Railways) in respect of CAT & RCT.

11. Fee

The fee of the advocates shall be paid/sanctioned by the competent Authority as per fee structure prescribed by Ministry of Railways from time to time.

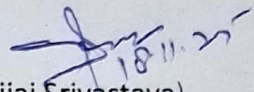
12. Period, Termination, Resignation, Addition and expiry of term

- (a) The advocates shall be empaneled for the period of three years which may be further extended on yearly basis (max. two times), subject to performance of the advocates as recommended by the Zonal Office and approved by Hon'ble MR and Hon'ble ML&J.
- (b) The counsels may resign by assigning any reason.
- (c) The name of an advocate may be removed from the panel on the basis of misconduct, incompetency, integrity in public interest etc.



13. The final list of Panel Advocates shall be published on the official website of the East Central Railway. [Website: <https://ecr.indianrailways.gov.in>] {Click- Hajipur HQ>> Administration>> Notification of RA Panel}
14. In respect of any clarification, the decision of the Railway shall be final.
15. Interested Advocates may submit application for only one court i.e. CAT/Patna or RCT/Patna indicating his/her choice.
16. The duly filled application shall be submitted on the following Address only in physical mode (*by hand or by representative*): -
Office of the General Manager/Law. 6th Floor, NIRMAN BHAWAN, Mahendrughat, Patna-800004.
17. The closing date and time of submission of the application is 19/12/2025 at 17:00.
18. The Notification regarding empanelment of Railway Advocate for the Central Administrative Tribunal, Patna and Railway Claims Tribunal/Patna, may be downloaded from the official website of East Central Railway i.e. [Website: <https://ecr.indianrailways.gov.in>] {Click- Hajipur HQ>> Administration>> Notification of RA Panel}
19. It may please be noted that incomplete applications, applications without required documents, received beyond the due date, not fulfilling the requisite qualification & experience, application in any other mode as prescribed above shall summarily be rejected. After submission of the application, no additional documents will be entertained at any stage.

Enclosure: - Proforma [Annexure-I & II]


(Vijai Srivastava)
Dy. General Manager/Law

Proforma for Empanelment of Advocate
in CAT/RCT/District Court/Sub-ordinate Court (Tick for which applied)

Paste latest
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1. Applicant's Name :
(in block letters)
2. Father's Name/Husband's Name:
(in block letters)
3. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) :
4. Gender :
5. Address with Mobile No, Email id, :
Landline no. with STD code etc.
Residence, Office, Chamber
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6. Mention the Court where the Applicant :
is interested to represent the matter
7. Educational Qualification :

Name of Course	Name of Board/University	Year of Passing
LL.B		
LL.M		
Any other		
8. Enrolment number as an Advocate :
9. Date of enrolment :
10. Total Experience in Practice (Years) :
(CAT/RCT/Arbitration/NGT/District
Court/Sub-ordinate Court, etc.)
11. Field in which the candidate has conducted :
the cases particularly Civil, Criminal, Taxation,
Railway Land and other claims Dispute, labour laws
and in writ jurisdiction.

Date: _____

Place: _____

(Signature)
(Name in Block letters)

List of documents to be attached:

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[Handwritten Signature]

1. Qualification :

- i) Minimum Qualification LLB.
- ii) Enrolment Certificate of practice at BAR issued by BAR Council.
- iii) Desirable Qualification LLM.

2. Experience :

Court	Experience
Special Counsel for CAT	Minimum TEN years experience as practicing Advocate.
Central Administrative Tribunal (Panel Counsel)/ Railway Claims Tribunal, etc	Minimum FIVE years experience as practicing Advocate.
District Court	Minimum THREE years experience as practicing Advocate.
Sub-ordinate Court	Minimum THREE years experience as practicing Advocate.

- ❖ The Experience Certificate of the Advocate shall be endorsed by the concerned Bar Association.
- ❖ The eligible applicant shall send their application to the concerned Zonal Railways.

