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Dated 17.01.2026

To

1) The General Manager,  
CEPT, Mysuru – 570010.

2) The Chief Postmasters General of all circles.

**Subject: GDS Compassionate Engagement (CCE) Portal under IT 2.0 – Adoption of Pan-India notification and half-yearly CCE cycle – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

This is regarding the adoption of Pan-India notification and the half-yearly CCE Cycle under the GDS Compassionate Engagement (**CCE**) Portal under IT 2.0

2. The matter has been examined, and the competent authority has approved a provision for introducing a centralised Pan-India notification and conducting the CCE on a half-yearly basis instead of the quarterly cycle. The tentative activities and timelines for half-yearly CCE are as follows:-

Sl No.	Activities	Tentative Time Lines for Half-yearly CCE*	
	CCE meeting to be conducted for the consideration of all pending cases	1 <sup>st</sup> -10 February/August	-
	Scrutinize the cases forwarded by the CCE at the RO/CO level by the concerned AD/APMG	11-25 Feb/August	AD/APMG of RO/CO level will examine each case and submit with observations/discrepancies, if any, for each case submitted by the CCE as under:  i. May be approved ii. May be rejected iii. In case of a difference of opinion with CCE in an individual case, record observations/comments

1	CCE Meeting and Approval of the competent authority	Consideration of the cases by DPS/PMG/CPMG at RO/CO level as the case may be	Up to 25 March/Sep	<p>The competent authority will record its own remarks as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approved</li> <li>ii. Rejected</li> <li>iii. In case of difference of opinion with CCE in an individual case, accept observations/comments of the AD/APMG or record own observations (including Approved/Rejected)</li> <li>iv. Reversal for Clarification/rectification from/by Divisions (if any).</li> </ul> <p>-----</p> <p>This window will be used for reversion/rectification of individual cases, not reverted earlier, and based on the clarification from the Divisions, the final decision (Approved/rejected) will be taken by the competent authority</p> <p>No cases will be carried forward to the next CCE.</p>
2	Vacancy updation and Processing	Vacancy updation by Divisions	1-10 Apr/Oct	Based on the vacancies occurring/to be occurred w.e.f. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan to 30 <sup>th</sup> June or 1 <sup>st</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, as the case may be, due to any reason.
		Vacancy approval by Circles	11-15 Apr/Oct	-
		Processing by CEPT	16-18 Apr/Oct	-
3	Final Allotment	Submission of the Post preference by the recommended candidate	19-25 Apr/Oct	Including Post in vacancies arising in May/June or Nov/December
		Final allotment of the Post and		The actual joining of the candidate occurs only after



	issue of the PE letter to the recommended Candidate by the Division	30-Apr/Oct	the post becomes vacant.
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\*The Directorate will issue a schedule of timelines before each such Compassionate Engagement Cycle.

3. Based on the above proposed activities, CEPT is requested to make suitable provisions/developments in the CCE Portal (including UAT) before 15th March, 2026, so as to ensure its launch to include fresh cases w.e.f. 1.04.2026, for the August 2026 schedule. The cases received till 31.3.2026 will be considered as per the existing model of quarterly review, while the new cases w.e.f. 01.4.2026 would be handled in the PAN India Schedule of Compassionate Engagement (1st August, 2026 Schedule) system.

4. Circles are requested to complete all cases pending as on 31.3.2026 in the existing portal by 31.05.2026. Still, if any case is not decided, a provision will be kept in the portal for transfer of such pending cases to be included in the Pan India Schedule of engagement proposed w.e.f. August 2026. The necessary amendments in the existing scheme for compassionate engagement for GDS will be issued separately.

This issues with the approval of Competant Authority.

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Digitally signed by  
Gurvinder Singh

Date: 07-01-2026

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