

3.1 Mode of Promotion

In the case of 'selection' (merit) promotion, the hitherto existing distinction in the nomenclature ('selection by merit' and 'selection-cum-seniority') is dispensed with and the mode of promotion in all such cases is rechristened as 'selection' only. The element of selectivity (higher or lower) shall be determined with reference to the relevant bench-mark ("Very Good" or "Good") prescribed for promotion.

3.2 'Bench-mark' for promotion

The DPC shall determine the merit of those being assessed for promotion with reference to the prescribed bench-mark and accordingly grade the officers as 'fit' or 'unfit' only. Only those who are graded 'fit' (i.e. who meet the prescribed bench-mark) by the DPC shall be included and arranged in the select panel in order to their inter-se seniority in the feeder grade. Those officers who are graded 'unfit' (in terms of the prescribed bench-mark) by the DPC shall not be included in the select panel. Thus, there shall be no supersession in promotion among those who are graded 'fit' (in terms of the prescribed bench-mark) by the DPC.

3.2.1 Although among those who meet the prescribed bench-mark, inter-se seniority of the feeder grade shall remain intact, eligibility for promotion will no doubt be subject to fulfilment of all the conditions laid down in the relevant Recruitment/Service Rules, including the conditions that one should be the holder of the relevant feeder post on regular basis and that he should have rendered the prescribed eligibility service in the feeder post.