

To:
**The Cabinet Secretary
Government of India
New Delhi**

**Sub: Regarding merger of Meteorologist-A (erstwhile Assistant Meteorologist Grade-II) and
Meteorologist-B (erstwhile Assistant Meteorologist Grade-I) in IMD**

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above, the undersigned like to bring to your kind attention the fact that, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), established in 1875, is the second oldest Department of the Government of India. It is the principal agency in all matters related to Meteorology, Seismology and allied subjects. It renders Meteorological Services within the country and abroad. IMD is a Scientific Department, presently under the aegis of Ministry of Earth Sciences and is the largest service-oriented Department under the said Ministry.

Both AM-II (PB-2 GP 4600) and AM-I (PB-2 GP 4800) are Group-B, Gazetted, Scientific/Operational posts having 'All India Transfer Liability' and perform round the clock operational duties at stations located over the length & breadth of the Country. The 'Duties' of the posts are **identical** in nature & require to work as Duty Officer in Airport Met. Offices, Forecasting Officer, Sectional head in most of the technical units of the Dept. Copies of R/Rules to the posts of AM-II and AM-I & their broad set of 'Duties & Responsibilities' are enclosed (Annexure-I)

Justifications in support of merger of these two grades are briefly enumerated below-

- 1) Practically there is no functional difference between the natures of work. Both **AM-II (redesignated as Meteorologist-A)** and **AM-I (redesignated as Meteorologist-B)** are working in the various capacities. These two scales should be merged and designated as Meteorologist-B (PB-2/ GP-4800, now Level-8). This is also recommended by IMD and MoES to 7th CPC (Annexure-II)
- 2) Previously, the Administrative Ministry (DST) had recommended to the 5th CPC for merger of the cadres of AM-II & AM-I with justified logics on the grounds of similar duties & responsibilities of the two cadres. (Ref. page 1411, Vol.-II of 5th CPC) (Annexure-III)
- 3) The post of AM-II was in the 5th CPC scale of Rs.6500-10500, upgraded to the scale of Rs.7450-11500 as per provision contained in Para (iv) Part C Sec 1 of Notification dated 29.08.2008 on 6th CPC. Since the 6th CPC scale of Rs.7450-11500 was non-existent in IMD, it is desirable that without introducing & continuing with the new scale in the hierarchy, the AM-II's may be merged with the almost similar 6th CPC scale of AM-I (Rs.7500-12000) which already exists in the Department.
- 4) The post of AM-I is a Group-B, Gazetted, non-ministerial post having the highest pre-6th CPC Group-B pay scale of Rs.7500-12000 & rationally it deserve to be placed similarly in the corresponding highest Group-B scale of 6th CPC.
- 5) The merger of the two posts will also minimize the transfers from those IMD stations where only **Meteorologist-A (erstwhile AM-II)** or **Meteorologist-B (erstwhile AM-I)** used to be Officer UC and hence a lot of the Government expenses can be saved and the human sufferings involved in the process will be reduced. Also, with merger, the Pedestal of hierarchy will be reduced, thus minimizing to some extent the acute stagnation level of Cadre prevailing for more than three decades.
- 6) There is no financial implication because proposed merger is cost neutral. Most of the officers who is likely to be designated as Meteorologist-B (erstwhile AM-I) post-merger is already drawing the upgraded GP of either 4800 or 5400 by virtue of ACP/MACP Scheme. Further, the Stagnating officers would automatically get the scale even if they are not promoted to the grade, by virtue of Modified ACP Scheme.

Keeping in view of above facts, both the cadres may be merged and re designated as Meteorologist B.

With Kind Regards,

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