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- 1. Deputy C&AG, Commercial and Report Central
- 2. Deputy C&AG, Central Revenue Audit
- 3. All HoDs (As per mailing list)
- 4. Director (P)

Subject: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the scheme of creation of CEA and CRA cadres- reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of Headquarters' circular and FAQ of even number dated 21.11.2025 and 03.12.2025, the following calcifications in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are being issued to provide further clarity on the scheme.

1. If an employee is not allotted the central cadre of their preference due to excess applications, should they then be considered for another central cadre, subject to availability, or are they to continue in their existing State Cadre?

Clarification:

In the event of excess applications from a specific office leading to situation where some of the optees does not get centralized cadres, efforts would be made to make adjustment to the extent feasible. Separate communication would be issued at the end of the option seeking exercise.

2. Deputation Allowance for State Cadre Employees posted in CEA/CRA Offices

Clarification:

Deputation allowance will be admissible as per extant norms and deputation shall be governed by Headquarters Circular No. 60-Staff(App)-I/14-2023 dated 27.01.2025.

3. Stepping-up of pay in Created Centralized Cadres

Clarification:

Pay anomaly arising due to creation of centralized cadre shall not be considered for stepping up of pay on the ground of seniority in the centralized cadre.

4. Pending promotion of SAS passed candidates

Clarification:

HoDs may ensure that all pending DPCs for promotion to the AAO cadre, pertaining to vacancies up to 31.12.2025, are completed before the conclusion of the option-seeking exercise, so that eligible AAOs may submit their options. In case of any administrative difficulty, the matter shall be brought to the notice of Headquarters immediately, and the same will be addressed on priority.

5. Publication of Tentative Centralized Seniority List of AAOs and Sr. AOs

Clarification:

A tentative centralized seniority list will be published in the public domain in due course of time.

6. Timeline for Group Officer (Admn.) to Complete Part-C and Forward to Headquarters

Clarification:

The deadline of final submission is 12.12.2025. Offices may set their own internal timelines for employees to submit Part A & B. Further, the offices are not required to fill Part-C in respect of those employees who opts for Existing Civil Audit Cadre or Existing Dying cadre.

7. Manual changes in the Undertaking form

Clarification:

It has come to notice that some employees have added handwritten conditions in the Undertaking Form (Part-B) uploaded on the portal. Heads of Departments are requested to ensure that such manually altered undertakings are not forwarded to Headquarters. Concerned employees may be advised to revise and re-upload the correct forms.

However, if an employee fails to submit the revised form by the last date, they may be informed that only the auto-filled conditions generated through the portal shall be taken into consideration.

8. Partial modification of option form

Clarification:

It is observed that Para 5(B) of the option form erroneously states that the Transfer and Posting Policy is attached. As clarified in the FAQs issued on 29.11.2025, the policy is presently under consultation and will be circulated shortly. Employees are requested to take note of this clarification. Para 5(B) has been corrected accordingly.

9. Any issue faced while filling the Option Form (e.g., Designation not updated, option of applying for any of the cadre is not available for any office etc.)

Clarification:

Such issues should immediately be reported to the SAI Help Desk.

Yours faithfully, Sd/-(Sumeet Kumar) Asstt. Comptroller and Auditor General