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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**Administration Division**

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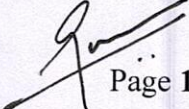
**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Comments on the Indian Foreign Service (Recruitment, Cadre, Seniority and Promotion) Rules 2020**

The Ministry of External Affairs proposes to amend the Schedule-III of IFS (RCSP) Rules 2020 as follows:

**Existing Provision:**

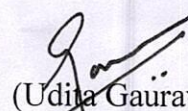
<b>Name of Post and Pay Scale</b>	<b>Method of recruitment</b>	<b>Eligibility condition for promotion</b>	<b>Additional requirements for promotion and Benchmark</b>
Grade III Level 14 in the Pay Matrix (Rs. 144200-218200)	Promotion by Selection	Officers will be eligible on completion of seventeen years of qualifying service in the Indian Foreign Service subject to a minimum of two years of regular service in Grade IV.	(1) Service in India and Missions/Posts abroad as may be prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs from time to time; (2) Successful completion of such mandatory training as may be prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs from time to time; (3) The Annual Performance Appraisal Report benchmark for promotion will be as per the empanelment guidelines issued by the Ministry as amended from time to time.

  
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**Proposed Amendment:**

<b>Name of Post and Pay Scale</b>	<b>Method of recruitment</b>	<b>Eligibility condition for promotion</b>	<b>Additional requirements for promotion and Benchmark</b>
Grade III Level 14 in the Pay Matrix (Rs. 144200-218200)	Promotion by Selection	Officers will be eligible on <b>completion of sixteen years</b> of qualifying service in the Indian Foreign Service subject to a minimum of two years of regular service in Grade IV.	(1) Service in India and Missions/Posts abroad as may be prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs from time to time;  (2) Successful completion of such mandatory training as may be prescribed by Ministry of External Affairs from time to time;  (3) The Annual Performance Appraisal Report benchmark for promotion will be as per the empanelment guidelines issued by the Ministry as amended from time to time.

2. Accordingly, all stakeholders may submit their comments on the amendments latest by 18 August 2023. The comments may be furnished via e-mail at [dsfsp@mea.gov.in](mailto:dsfsp@mea.gov.in).

  
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