

**RAILWAY RECRUITMENT CELL,
NORTHERN RAILWAY
Website: www.rrcnr.org.**

Employment Notice No.: RRC/NR-07/2024-25/Sports Quota dated 05/11/2024 RECRUITMENT OF SPORTS PERSON AGAINST SPORTS QUOTA Recruitment FROM OPEN MARKET ADVERTISEMENT ON THE NORTHERN RAILWAY FOR THE YEAR 2024-25.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Date and Time of opening of online filling of application.	11/11/2024
Date & Time of Closing of Online application	11/12/2024
Expected Date of Trial	Mid February.

1.0 ONLINE Applications are invited from ELIGIBLE Indian Sports Person as per the detail given below for the 21 (twenty-one) vacancies in Level 2,3,4 & 5 of Pay Matrix 7th CPC against Sports Quota through Open Advertisement Quota for the Year 2024-25 in Northern Railway. **Separate Application is to be filled for separate discipline/game, if eligible, with separate examination fee as applicable for each application. Details of Post are as under: -**

S. No	Game	Events/ Playing position	No. of Vacancies	Total
01	Football-Men	Defender	02	02
02	Weightlifting Men	81Kg	01	01
03	Volley Ball - Men	Libero	01	02
		Hitter	01	
04	Hockey Women	Forward	01	01
05	Cricket Men	Left Arm Spinner	01	01
06	Athletics Women	5000 Mtrs.	01	01
07	Athletics-Men	Hammer Throw	01	03
		1500 Mtr.	01	
		Pole Vault	01	
08	Table Tennis (Men)	Singles	02	02
09	Gymnastic (Men)	All-Rounder	01	01
10	Boxing-Women	(57 K.G.)	01	02
		(66 K.G.)	01	
11	Handball Women	All-rounder	01	01
12	Basket Ball (Women)	Forward	01	02
		Center	01	
13	Kho-Kho (MEN)	All-Rounder	02	02
Total				21

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2.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(A) Age Limit:

- (i) 18-25 years of age as on 01/01/2025.
- (ii) No age relaxation (upper or lower) shall be permissible.
- (iii) The candidate should note that only the 10th standard/Matriculation/Secondary Examination Certificate or an equivalent certificate/marksheet indicating Date of Birth or School Leaving Certificate indicating Date of Birth uploaded will be accepted as documentary proof of Date of Birth.

(B) Minimum Educational Qualification:

Candidate should possess the following requisite Education Qualification as on date of Notification .

S.No.	Posts in Pay Matrix	Minimum Prescribed Educational Qualification
(i).	Level4- Rs. 25500-81100/ Level5- Rs. 29200-92300	Graduate in any discipline from a recognized University.
(ii).	Level 2- Rs. 19900-63200/ Level 3- Rs. 21700-69100	Passed 12 th (+2 stage) or its equivalent examination. Education Qualification must be from a recognized Institution.

Note:

- (a) Candidate possessing higher education qualification should also upload their graduation/ post-Graduation certificate.
- (b) Persons if appointed to the category of Clerk-Cum-Typist should acquire Typing Proficiency of 30 w.p.m. in English or 25 w.p.m. in Hindi within a period of four years from the date of appointment; else his/her appointment will be treated as provisional till such time that he/she passes the typing test.

(C) Sports Qualification (Achievements):

- (i) Only those sportspersons who have acquired the following sports achievement eligibility norms in the championship from 01/04/2022 to (date of notification) and are active, will be eligible to apply for appointment against above posts under Sports Quota.
- (ii) For validity of sports achievement, concluding day of the championship/event shall be taken into account.
- (iii) The specific position played in the particular discipline, if applicable should be mentioned in the ONLINE Application without fail.
- (iv) All the championships mentioned above should have been conducted under the aegis of recognized International/National/State Sports Federation and also recognized by Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB).
- (v) Sports person having sports norms for higher level and who have applied against the vacancies for the lower level can be considered for recruitment against the level applied for only. In such cases the sportsperson has to give an undertaking that he/she will not claim for higher level after joining Railways.
- (vi) The minimum norms for recruitment of Sports Quota, shall be as under in addition to the qualifying performance/position. These provisions shall be read along with note below the Para.

S. No.	Existing Pay Band/ Scale (6 th CPC)	Level in 7 th CPC	Minimum Sports Norms for recruitment.
1	PB-1 5200-20200 GP-Rs-2400/2800	Level 4 & Level 5	A. At least 3 rd position in any of the World Cup (Junior/Youth/Senior Category)/ World Championships (Junior/Senior Category)/ Asian Games (Senior Category)/ Commonwealth Games (Senior Category)/ Youth Olympics/Davis Cup (Tennis)/Champions trophy (Hockey)/Thomas/Uber Cup (Badminton)
	PB-1 5200-20200 GP-Rs-1900/2000	Level 2 & Level 3	<p>A. Represented the country in the World Cup (Junior/Youth/Senior Category)/ World Championships (Junior/Senior Category)/ Asian Games (Senior Category)/Commonwealth Games (Senior Category)/ Youth Olympics/Davis Cup (Tennis)/Champions trophy (Hockey)/Thomas/Uber Cup(Badminton)OR</p> <p>B. At least 3rd position in Commonwealth Championship Junior/Senior category)/Asian Championships / Asia Cup (Junior/Senior category)/ South Asian Federations (SAF) Games (Senior category)/USIC (World Railways) Championship (Senior category)/world University games OR</p> <p>C. At least 3rd position in Senior/ Youth/Junior National Championships. OR</p> <p>D. At least 3rd position in National Games organized under aegis of Indian Olympic Association. OR</p> <p>E. At least 3rd position in All India Inter University Championship organized under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities OR</p> <p>F. 1st position in Federation Cup Championships (Senior Category).</p>

Additional acceptable sports achievement eligibility norms for certain discipline

In Athletics

In Athletics, medal winning performance in National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships, may also be considered for recruitment against the posts having Grade Pay Rs. 1900 in Pay Band Rs. 5200-20200.

In Athletics, Gold Medal Winner in Open National Championships (Senior), Inter State Athletics Championships (Senior) and Asian Championships (Senior) may be considered for recruitment in GP-2800/2400.

In Table Tennis

Sports persons may also be considered for recruitment on the basis of their current annual All India Rankings in different Grade Pay and pay bands as per following criteria. Highest ranking may be considered valid for one year for the purpose recruitment.

S.No.	Grade Pay	Minimum Sports Norms for Recruitment		
		Age Category	Event	Current Annual All India Ranking.
1.	2800/- OR 2400	Seniors	Singles	Up to 8 th Position
2.	2000 OR 1900/-	Seniors	Singles	Up-To 20 th Position
		Youth	Singles	Up to 6 th Position
		Juniors	Singles	Up to 6 th position

In Hockey Women

In Hockey Women for recruitment against the posts having Grade Pay Rs. 1900 or Rs. 2000 in pay band Rs. 5200-20200; at least 2nd position in the International Tournament of four or more nations.

In Cricket Men

The norms for recruitment of sportspersons in the game of discipline of Cricket as under.

S.No.	Grade Pay	Minimum Sports Norms
1	GP-2800/2400 (Level-5/4)	Representation of India-A and India U-19 Team in 2 Test Matches/ 2 Limited Overs One Day International Matches/2 Twenty-20 Overs Matches.
2	GP-2000/1900 (Level-3/2)	1. Quarter finalist in Senior/ U-23/U-19 All India Inter State Group Championship (Except plate Group) 2. Participation in Senior/U-23/U-19 All India Inter-Zonal Championship. 3. Participation in Senior/U-23/U-19 Challenger Trophy.

In Volleyball Men

Certificates issued by Indian Universities and International Federations for recognized sports achievements in game of Volley ball will only be accepted for recruitment from 01.04.2022

In Hand Ball Women

Certificate issued by Handball Association of India on after 25.07.2023 will only be accepted for recruitment.

Certificates issued by Association of Indian Universities and International Federations for recognized sports achievements in game of Handball will only be accepted for recruitment from 01.04.2022

(VII) For Recruitment in following sports disciplines, the age group for Junior National Championship will be considered as mentioned against each below.

D. List of Junior National Championships recognized by the RSPB:

For recruitment in following sports disciplines, the age group for Junior National Championship will be considered as mentioned against each below: -

S.N o.	Discipline	Category	Detail of recognized Junior National Championship	
1.	Athletics	MEN	Under-20	Junior National Athletics Championship
		Women	Under-20	Junior national Athletic Championship
2.	Boxing-Women	Women	Under-17	Junior National Boxing championships. In boxing Discipline, the achievements of players in youth category or on after 25/09/2016 in international championships will be considered in place of Junior category.
3.	Gymnastics	Men	Under-17	Junior National Gymnastic Championship
4.	Football	Men	Under-19	Junior National Football Championship for B.C Roy Trophy
5.	Table Tennis	Men	Under-17	Junior & Youth National Table Tennis Championship
6.	Weightlifting	Men	Under-20	Junior National Weightlifting Championship
7.	Hockey	Women	Under-19	Junior National Hockey Championship
8.	Kho-Kho	Men	Under-19	Junior National Kho - Kho Championship
9.	Basket Ball	Women	Under-18	Junior National Basketball Championship
10.	Handball	Women	Under-19	Junior National Handball Championship

Categorization of International Championships

For recruitment purpose, International championships/events are categorized as under:-

Category A: Olympic Games (Senior)

Category B: World Cup (Junior/Youth/Senior)
World Championship (Junior/Senior)
Asian Games (Senior)
Commonwealth Games (Senior)
Youth Olympics
Davis Cup (Tennis)
Championships Trophy (Hockey)
Thomas/Uber Cup (Badminton)

Category C: Commonwealth Championship (Junior/Senior)
Asian Championships/Asia cup (Junior/Senior)
South Asian Federations (SAF) Games (Senior)
USIC (World Railways) championship (Senior)
World University games.

3.0 **Period for Reckoning Sports Achievements:** The sports achievement shall be in the current and/or immediate previous two financial years and sports person shall be an active player. For this purpose two (02) financial years from the date of notification shall be taken into account for example- for application received in 2024-25 i.e. from 01.04.2024 to (date of notification) for recruitment. The sports achievement of current & previous two financial years i.e. 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023 and 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 shall be taken into account and therefore, sports achievement on or after 01.04.2022 till the date of Notification shall only be considered for appointment, in the extant case. For this purpose, concluding day of the Championship shall be taken into account.

Activeness in sports shall be adjudged as per his/her performance during the trials. It is therefore, not necessary that the sportsperson must have sports achievement during current/previous financial year to see his/her activeness in sports.

4.0 **Scheme for recruitment:** The procedure for recruitment of candidate will be as under:-

(i) Screening & Scrutiny of application.

(ii) Documents Verification the eligible candidates will be called for Document Verification before Trial. Production of original documents of Date of Birth, All Educational Qualification, Sports achievements, Caste Certificate, relevant certificate for exemption in fees, if applicable, along with one set of self- attested photo copies of all certificate, 2 recent passport size photograph (self-attested on reverse), e Admit card and Valid Photo ID(viz. Voter Card, Aadhaar Card, E-Aadhaar, Driving License, PAN Card, Passport, Identity Card issued by his/her Employer in case the candidate is a Government Employee, School/Collage/University Photo ID Card etc.) in ORIGINAL on the day of Document Verification is mandatory failing which he/she may be disqualified and will not be allowed to appear in the Trials.

(iii) The recruitment will be based on trials & assessment of sports achievements, Educational Qualification. The Candidates who are found FIT in trials, only will be considered for next stage. Trials of the candidates shall be conducted by Trial Committee to assess their sports performance and suitability for Railway/Unit Team as well as Indian Railways Team. Trials committee shall give the recommendations in terms of FIT or NOT FIT for consideration for next stage as per criteria given below.

a.	For Game Skill, Physical Fitness & Coach's Observations during Trials	40 Marks
b.	FIT candidate	25 Marks or More
c.	Not FIT candidate	Below 25 Marks

Note: Physical fitness test for Football Men, Cricket Men, Kho-Kho Men, Volleyball Men is required to minimum 17 level YO-YO Test and Basketball Women, Handball Women, Boxing Women is required to minimum 15 level YO-YO Test, for hockey women level 16 is required in yo-yo test.

(iv) After trial, only FIT candidates shall be considered for next stage by Recruitment Committee. Assessment of the candidates will be held on the same day, just after trials or at the most next day of trials. Recruitment Committee shall award 60 marks for sports achievements and Education Qualification as per following criteria:

S.N	Description	Max. Marks
1.	For assessment of recognized Sports Achievements as per norms	50 Marks
2.	Educational Qualification and General intelligence/Personality.	10 Marks

- (v) Final Merit List Candidates shall be prepared on the basis of total marks awarded by Trial Committee and Recruitment Committee. Minimum qualifying marks are as under:

S. No.	Level	Minimum Qualifying Marks
1.	Level 4- Rs. 25500-81100/- Level 5- Rs. 29200-92300	70 Marks
2.	Level 2- Rs. 19900-63200/- Level 3- Rs. 21700-69100	65 Marks

NOTE: The offer of appointment shall be given purely on the basis of merit. In case, more than one sportsperson secure the same marks, preference will be given to younger candidates to decide the merit.

- (vi) Candidates will have to bring their own playing Kit for Trial wherever applicable.

5.0 Medical Examination:

Candidates recommended for appointment will have to pass the requisite medical fitness standards prescribed for the post to be identified by the Northern Railway Administration.

6.0 Period of Probation:

All the candidates getting appointment will undergo probation period of Two years (02 years).

7.0 Period of Training:

The selected candidate will be required to undergo training as per the requirement of the post on which he/she has been selected.

8.0 Details of Agreement/Security Deposit/ Bond to be signed/Furnished by the Candidate:

Only Bond in accordance with RBE No.189 (B)/2010 (Para 8.4) as amended from time to time.

9.0 PLACE OF POSTING:

All over Northern Railway as per Administration requirement.

- 10.0 Sportspersons recruited against sports quota shall be terminated for service, if the information and documents furnished by him/her for recruitment one found incorrect/fake at any stage.

11.0 APPLICATION/ TRIAL/ EXAMINATION FEE:

Examination fee is to be paid through ONLINE MODE. RRC will not accept Examination fee in Cash/ Cheque/Money Order/PO/Demand Draft Central Recruitment Fee Stamps etc. Candidate to note that RRC/NR is not responsible for incomplete or pending online examination fee transaction for whatever reason. In such case candidate need to proceed with fresh/new transaction of payment of examination fee.

(i)	For all candidates except those mentioned in sub-para (ii) below	Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only through Online Payment in favour of RRC/NR. Application Fee of Rs. 400/- will be refunded after deducting bank charges to these Categories of Candidate only when they actually appear in the Trial.
(ii)	For candidates belonging to SC/ST, Women, Minorities and Economically Backward Classes	Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty) only. Application Fee will be refunded after deducting bank charges to these Categories of Candidate only when they actually appear in the Trial.
Note : Candidate to note that in case of refund of Examination Fee it will be transferred back to the source from where it is received in RRC Account.		

Fee Exemption:

1. 'Minority' means Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parses). For claiming exemption/refund from the examination fee, minority candidates should upload 'self-declaration' as mentioned in Annexure- 'A' at the time of filling up of online application. At the time of documents verification, such candidates claiming exemption of examination fee will also be required to furnish 'minority community declaration' affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper that he/she belongs to any of the above minority community. If the affidavit is not produced during Documents Verification, their candidature will be rejected.
2. Economically Backward Classes (EBC) will mean those candidates whose family income is less than Rs. 50,000/- per annum. The income certificate as per Annexure-'B'/BPL Card/Izzat MST issued by any of the Authorities mentioned above should be uploaded at the time of filling up of online application by the candidate belonging to EBC and the same should be produced in original at the time of Documents Verification. This will have to be issued on the letterhead of the issuing authority. Authorities who are authorized to issue income certificate for the purpose of identifying Economically Backward Classes (EBC): -
 - (i) District Magistrate or any other Revenue Officer up to the level of Tehsildar.
 - (ii) Sitting Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha for persons of their own constituency.
 - (iii) BPL Card or any other certificate issued by the Central Government under a recognized poverty alleviation program or Izzat MST issued by Railway.
 - (iv) Union Minister may also recommend for any person from anywhere in the country.
 - (v) Sitting Members of Parliament of Rajya Sabha for persons of the district in which these MPs normally reside.

12.0 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Recruitments of sportspersons shall be dealt as per Railway Board's letter no. 2010/E (Sports)/4 (1)/1 (Policy) dated 31.12.2010 read with modifications/amendments issued by the Railway Board from time to time.
- (ii) In case any applicant has difficulty in filling their applications ONLINE, they are free to contact the help line numbers displayed on RRC website with notification.
- (iii) Merely filling upon line application on RRC website does not entitle the candidate being eligible for selection process. Candidature of the candidate participating in the selection process is provisional at all stages.



- (iv) All the recruitments against Open Advertisement quota shall be at the minimum of scale of pay in the Pay Matrix. Railway Administration reserves the rights to recruit eligible candidates. The decision of Railway Administration on all matters relating to eligibility, place, date, mode of selection, acceptance or rejection, recommendation of post, place of posting, grade etc. shall be final and binding on the candidates. No correspondence will be entertained in this regards. Northern Railway Administration reserves the right to decide the number of sports persons to be selected for any individual/team game depending upon their requirement for that sports and availability of suitable candidates fulfilling the norms.
- (v) Candidate applying for more than one discipline/game or event shall submit separate application with separate examination fee along with all necessary documents for each discipline/game or event.
- (vi) No request for change of Date & Venue will be entertained.
- (vii) No relaxation in Education/Sports Norms, Age Relaxation shall be permissible.**
- (viii) No post is reserved for SC, ST, OBC & EWS. However the candidates claiming to belong to SC/ST/OBC communities for Fee relaxation are required to upload copy of self attested Caste Certificate issued by Competent Authority failing which no Fee relaxation is permissible and any such candidate paying less fee than Rs. 500/- as applicable to General candidate shall be REJECTED.
- (ix) Sports persons having sports norms of higher pay matrix and applied against the vacancies for the lower pay matrix will be considered for applied level only if found eligible otherwise.
- (x) No TA/DA/Accommodation will be given for appearing in the selection trials/assessment. Applicant will have to bring their own playing kit. They may also be required to stay during the selection for 4-5 days, for which they have to make their own arrangements. The Railway Administration reserves the right to fix any date, as deemed suitable, change place or postpone trials/assessment (at its own convenience), or even cancel trials due to unforeseen circumstances against which no claim will be accepted.
- (xi) Candidate should be in readiness to appear for the Trials etc. at short notice after the last date for submission is over.
- (xii) Sports person recruited against sports quota shall be terminated from service, if the information and documents furnished by him/her for recruitment are found incorrect/ fake at any stage.
- (xiii) No candidate should attempt impersonation or take the help of any impersonator at any stage of the selection process. Such candidates will be debarred for life from appearing in all RRB/RRC examinations or any appointment in Railways. In addition, legal action may be taken against the candidate.
- (xiv) Any material suppression of facts or submitting of forged certificates/caste certificate by a candidate for securing eligibility and/or obtaining privileges, including fee exemption for appearing in the selection trial shall lead to rejection of his/her candidature for the particular recruitment for which he/she has applied. Further, he/she will also be debarred from all examinations conducted by all RRB/RRC over the country and legal action may be initiated, if warranted.
- (xv) Candidates who have been debarred for life from all RRB/RRC examinations or candidates who have been debarred for a specified period which is not yet completed need not apply in response to this employment notice. Their candidature will be rejected during any stage of recruitment as and when detected.
- (xvi) Any subsequent changes in the terms and conditions of the Employment Notice as per extant rules will stand good. RRC reserves the right to consider/incorporate any subsequent changes/modification/additions/cancellation in the terms & conditions to recruitment under this Employment Notice as and when applicable.
- (xvii) Candidates selected through Sports quota will have to perform in his/her field of sports for a minimum period of 5 years. His/her performance will be assessed during first two years of service (Probation period). In case performance is no found up to the mark his/her service is liable to be terminated.



(xviii) RRC reserves the right to reject the candidature of any applicant at any stage of the process of recruitment, if any irregularity/ deficiency is noticed in the application/candidature.

(xix) For any Legal Dispute, the Jurisdiction will be at New Delhi only.

(xx) In the event of any dispute about interpretation or any mistake, the English version will be treated as final.

(xxi) Canvassing in any form, misbehavior or misconduct will lead to summary rejection and cancellation of candidature and no correspondence will be entertained in this matter.

(xxii) Use of power enhancing drugs medicines/steroids/alcohol etc. is strictly banned and candidates may be required to undergo medical test if need be. Candidate found using these things will not be allowed to participate in the selection process and his candidature will be rejected along with debarring him from participating in any of the selection process in Indian Railway. Even if it is found that candidate has used such medicines even after the selection process, Railway Administration reserves the right to reject his candidature at any stage.

13.0 Invalid Application/Invalid Candidature: -Any of the following Deficiencies/Discrepancies found in the application form/documents submitted/not submitted by the applicant will render the Application Invalid/Candidature Invalid/Rejected at any stage of the recruitment process: -

- (i) Application not in prescribed format and incomplete or illegible application.
 - (ii) Applications without photograph, LHT impression, unsigned application/ Signature in capital or different signature at different places during the selection process.
 - (iii) Applications without Application fee or less fee.
 - (iv) Applications without proof of date of birth, educational qualifications, sports achievements, Caste, NOC from the employer if working etc.
 - (v) Over age or under age, date of birth not filled or wrongly filled,
 - (vi) Self-attested photocopies of requisite certificates not uploaded
 - (vii) Not having requisite educational qualification & sports qualification at the time of applying.
 - (viii) Application which are filled in a language other than English or Hindi.
 - (ix) Candidates already employed in Govt. Service/PSU/ Undertaking etc. should submit **NOC FROM THE EMPLOYER**, failing which application shall be summarily **REJECTED**.
 - (x) **Candidates to note that all relevant certificates of education, caste & sports qualification are to be uploaded with online application form failing which application shall be REJECTED.** Original Certificates are not to be sent to RRC/NR and same are required at the time of Trial/Assessment/Document Verification failing which applicant shall not be allowed to participate in the selection process.
 - (xi) **Candidates should bring all documents uploaded with ONLINE Application Form in Original along with one set of self attested photo copies (Date of Birth Matriculation or Equivalent Certificate, Educational Qualification, Sports Achievements, Caste Certificate, NOC from the employer, if working etc.) on the day of trial and assessment, failing which they shall not be allowed to appear in the Trial/Assessment. Certificates in languages other than English or Hindi should be accompanied by a self-attested translation in English/Hindi.**
- (xii) The candidature of the applicants shall be liable to be rejected at any stage of recruitment in case of concealment of any fact, or any other irregularities noticed at any stage of the process.

14.0 MISCELLANEOUS:

- (i) Railway Administration will not be responsible for any inadvertent error in the advertisement (RRC website would be primary and main source of contact with the candidates for various information during the selection.)

15.0 STEPS TO FILL UP THE ONLINE APPLICATION:

Click in the BOX given at the end of the notification undertaking by the candidate that

I have read carefully the notification with instructions given above to be complied with during the recruitment process.

Click on APPLY ONLINE – LOGIN BOX will appear with two options i.e. Login for already Registered Candidates & for New Application.

Candidate Dashboard will appear as under in RED color which will turn into GREEN step wise completion. Candidate may complete the Online application from Part I to Part IV with option to take print of the Payment slip and Application for future reference, if need be, in one go OR in parts but must be completed in all respects within the last date given. Candidate to follow the instructions generated by software during the process of submitting ONLINE Application at every step.

Part I	Part II	Part III	Part IV	Part V
Application Form	Payment Examination Fee	Uploading Documents photo, Sign & Thumb Impression etc.	Online Payment Details Print	Application Details/Print

16.0 Enclosures to be uploaded with the Online Application:-

Applicant must upload following documents/certificates with the online application failing which application will be rejected.

- a. Proof of date of birth (10th or Matric pass certificate).
- b. Proof of Essential educational i.e. 12th or Graduation as the case may be and Sport qualification prescribed for the category/post.
- c. In case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minority/EWS(Economically Backward)etc. Certificate in prescribed format as per Annexure-I to Annexure-V (will be downloaded from RRC website i.e. www.rrcnr.org)



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