

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Statement regarding medium of examination for direct recruitment to certain levels in Regional Rural Banks.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): I beg to make a statement regarding Medium of examination for direct recruitment to certain levels in Regional Rural Banks.

Now, can I make the statement?

माननीय अध्यक्ष : हाँ बोलिये ।

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: At present, there are 45 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in the country having a total staff strength of around 90,000 employees. Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPs) conducts Common Recruitment Process (CRP) for recruitment of officers (Scale-I, II and III) and Office Assistants (Multipurpose) in RRBs on an all-India basis in English and Hindi medium.

In the present system, candidates educated in local languages are at a disadvantage due to the medium of examination. Various references and representations have also been made and received suggesting, inter alia, to conduct the recruitment examination for RRBs in regional languages.

The functioning of RRBs is State specific and rural focused and therefore, knowledge of the local language of that particular State or region would help the candidate in performing his duties effectively.

Thus, with a view to provide a level playing field and to expand employment possibilities for local youths, it has been decided that the examination for direct recruitment for officers (Scale-I) and Office Assistant (Multipurpose) in RRBs will be conducted in 13 regional languages in addition to English and Hindi. These 13 regional languages are Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. The candidates will, in addition to English and Hindi, also have the option to choose the regional language of the State that they have opted for, from among the above languages, as their medium of examination.

This change shall be implemented from the Mains Examination of CRP RRB VIII, which is 2019 this year, onwards.

12.07 hrs

