

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3738
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NUMBER OF CHANCES FOR CS EXAMS
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently increased the age limit for Civil Services Examinations while no increase has been made in the number of chances for appearing in the examination for the candidates;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to increase the number of chances for appearing in the Civil Services Examinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUN RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): Consequent upon the increase in the age of retirement from 58 to 60, the upper age limit for the Civil Services Examinations from 1999 has been raised by two years from 28 to 30 years (except for CISF) for general category candidates (with further relaxation of 3 years and 5 years for 'other backward classes' and 'scheduled castes/scheduled tribes' candidates respectively). As the number of attempts available to candidates for various categories i.e. 4 for 'general category', 7 for 'other backward classes' and 14 for 'scheduled castes/scheduled tribes' are already in excess of what has been recommended by various expert bodies on the subject, there is no proposal to alter the number of chances.