

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:216  
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2010  
NEW SCHEME OF EXAMINATION FOR CIVIL SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some structural changes have been brought about in the scheme of examination for Civil Services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a new Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) has been introduced;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the second paper of CSAT has been modified on the pattern of MBA entrance tests and English language has been added as the major component; and
- (f) if so, the other details of changes in format, curriculum and content of the Civil Services Examination?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 216 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR AND SHRI ADHI SANKAR FOR ANSWER ON 24.11.2010

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. There is a change in the pattern and syllabus of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011. So far there was one Paper of General studies which carried 150 marks and a second Paper where the candidate had the option to choose from 23 optional Papers, carried 300 marks. Under the revised pattern there will be two papers each carrying 200 marks. Now, there would be two common papers in Preliminary Examination for all the candidates which would provide a level playing field. The details are given in the Annexure.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise. The other details of the changes are given in the Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 216 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR AND SHRI ADHI SANKAR FOR ANSWER ON 24.11.2010

The syllabus and pattern of the Civil Service Preliminary Examination would be as under:-

(Paper I) (200 marks) Duration : Two hrs

# Current events of national and international importance

# History of India and Indian National Movement

# Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic, Geography of India and the World

# Indian Polity and Governance – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues etc.

# Economic and Social Development – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives etc.

# General issues on Environmental ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change – that do not require subject specialization

# General Science (Paper II) (200 marks) – Duration : Two hrs

# Comprehension

# Interpersonal skills including communication skills

# Logical reasoning and analytical ability

# Decision making and problem solving

# General mental ability

# Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude etc.) (Class X level) and Data interpretation (Graphs, charts, tables, data sufficiency etc.) (Class X level)

# English Language comprehension skills (Class X level)