

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4166
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2010
MEDIUM OF RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the entrance examination for officers and other cadres in defence services is conducted only in English;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a large number of courageous and intelligent rural youths are unable to take officers grade examination because of poor knowledge of English language;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to conduct the said examination in Hindi and other regional languages also;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (f) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4166 FOR ANSWER ON 6.12.2010

Entrance examination for officers' cadre are conducted both in Hindi and English by Union Public Service Commission to facilitate participation of youth from across the country, including from rural areas. In case of Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR) also, entrance examinations are conducted both in Hindi and English. Presently, there is no proposal to conduct these examinations in any other regional language.