

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

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HINDI MEDIUM FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes Hindi as the medium of language for examination for recruitment of various posts in the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regards?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c): The Official Language Resolution, 1968 as adopted by both the Houses of Parliament on language as media for examinations is kept in view for implementation. In the competitive examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission, the question papers are printed both in English and Hindi except paper on English Language and in descriptive type question papers, the candidates are allowed the choice of English or Hindi to answer the questions. In the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by the UPSC, the candidates have already the option to answer the questions in Hindi among other languages except the Language and Literature papers. Only in such competitive examinations conducted by the UPSC where the subjects are mainly of a technical nature like Indian Forest Service, Indian Economic Service, Indian Statistical Service, Geologists, Engineering Services and objective type papers in Combined Medical Services and SCRA Examinations and where the knowledge of English is tested, English is the answering medium.