

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

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OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN UPSC
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has not recognized Forensic Science as one of the optional subject for attempting UPSC examination as recognized by some States for State Civil Service examinations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Madam. UPSC has not recognized Forensic Science as one of the optional subject for attempting UPSC examination.

(b) : Optional subjects to be included in the scheme of the Civil Services Examination are based on the recommendations of Expert Committees constituted by the UPSC from time to time and accepted by the Government. During such reviews, the list of optional subjects are examined and action is taken regarding inclusion or deletion of subjects from the list of optional papers, so as to make the scheme of examination and its subject contents relevant with the changes in the academic and socio-economic scenario.