

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:55  
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RAILWAY RECRUITMENT EXAMS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to permit the candidates to write the Railway Board recruitment exams in their mother tongue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in the regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Since objective type questions are asked in Railway Recruitment Board examinations, there is no specific language involved in writing the answers. The objective type questions require answers by darkening of circles in the answer sheets. Only exception is skill test for the post of Stenographer and translation test for the post of Hindi Assistant. However, it has been decided that Question Papers for RRB examinations shall be set in local languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India, falling within the jurisdiction of that Railway Recruitment Board in addition to Hindi, Urdu and English. For this purpose, the first official language(s) of the State(s) in which all the Divisions/Units of that Railway Recruitment Board are located, will be taken as the local language(s).