

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:262
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2012
REVIEW OF CIVIL SERVICES EXAM
Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current civil services examination system has been effective in the selection of suitable candidates in the prevailing scenario;
- (b) if so, the justification thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of the examination system during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, 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) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 262 ASKED BY SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH FOR ANSWER ON 29.08.2012.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The officers recruited through the system of Civil Services Examination man various middle-level and senior-level and posts under the Government of India and under various State Governments and play a significant role in the management of internal and external affairs of the country. However, review and revision of system of Civil Services Examination is done periodically to bring it in tune with the changes in socio-economic and administrative requirements.

(c) & (d): A change has been made in the pattern and syllabus of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011. Till CSE, 2010, there were two papers, the first one General Studies which carried 150 marks and the second one where the candidates had the option to choose from 23 optional Papers, carrying 300 marks. Under the revised pattern there are two common papers, each carrying 200 marks in Preliminary Examination for all the candidates, which provides a level playing field. The details are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 262 ASKED BY SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH FOR ANSWER ON 29.08.2012.

The syllabus and pattern of the Civil Service (Preliminary) Examination from CSE, 2011 is 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 Policy 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 Sciences

(Paper II) (200 marks) – Duration: Two hrs.

Comprehension

Interpersonal skills including communication skills

Logical reasoning and analytical ability

Decision making and problems 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)