

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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IFS RECRUITMENT  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct a separate examination for recruitment to Indian Foreign Service (IFS); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) No.

(b) The recruitment to the Indian Foreign Service is through the annual Combined Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, which has the required capacity and experience for identifying talent and assessing the capabilities necessary for public service officials.