

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some changes have been made in the Civil Services Examination scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a new Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) has been introduced;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the second paper of CSAT has been changed on the lines of MBA admission exams and the English language has been included as a main subject; and
- (f) if so, the details of the changes made in the format, syllabus and contents?

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 (f): Yes, Madam. The changes in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination have been made after considering the recommendations of Alagh Committee, Second Administrative Reforms Commission and on the basis of the recommendations of an expert committee, set up by UPSC. The changes had been made in the pattern and syllabus of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, which were made effective from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011. Under the revised pattern there are two common papers, each carrying 200 marks in Preliminary Examination for all the candidates, which have provided a level playing field. The Paper II of Civil Services Examination (Preliminary) has only one component of "English Language Comprehensive skills" and that is of matriculation level only. The details of changed pattern and syllabus are given in the Annexure-I.