

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

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ENGLISH SUBJECT IN RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether English subject is mandatory in the recruitment of examination for the Government jobs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether candidates of rural, poor and lower middle-class, lacking knowledge of English subject, are deprived of these jobs as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is likely to take action to do away with the compulsion of English subject for all such examinations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

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) & (b): Recruitment for the Government jobs in the country is made in accordance with the approved rules/schemes framed on the basis of job profile and functional requirements of the posts. Most of such recruitments in the Central Government are made on all India basis and the candidates selected through open competitive examinations are required to serve anywhere in India. Testing of English language either as a language paper or component of General English is prescribed as a part of some of the examinations conducted by the two main recruiting agencies of the Central Government viz. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) as per functional needs.

(c): No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(d) & (e): Do not arise in view of reply to (c) above.