

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

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MEDIUM OF EXAMINATION
Bhagat Shri Sudarshan

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

- (a) whether the competitive exams for Indian Forest Service, Indian Economic Service, Indian Statistics Service, Geological and Engineering Service are being conducted in Hindi medium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The medium of answering questions in the above examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is English only. It has not yet been found feasible to conduct the above competitive examinations in Hindi medium due to functional constraints.

(c): A High Level Standing Committee has been constituted in the UPSC to examine the feasibility of introducing the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India, which includes Hindi, for the various examinations being conducted by the UPSC, in a manner consistent with the high standards of UPSC examinations.