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CSAT

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

- (a) the reasons for introducing Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) in Civil Services Examination (Preliminary) since 2011;
- (b) whether English language has been made compulsory in the second paper of Civil Services (Preliminary) examination and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the condition of obtaining compulsory 22.5 marks in English has been withdrawn from 2014/likely to be withdrawn permanently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.
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(a): Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts Civil Services Examination (CSE) every year for recruitment to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and other Group 'A' & 'B' Central Services. As the system keeps on evolving from time to time, review of the structure and the content of the CSE is carried out. An expert committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. K. Khanna constituted by UPSC in the year 2009 to review the scheme of CSE (preliminary) Examination, had inter-alia recommended reforms in the said examination for making it more aptitude based testing commensurate with the desired skill set to be tested to judge the potential of the candidates to work as a civil servant. Accordingly, the new structure of examination implemented w.e.f. CSE 2011, has now two multiple choice objective type Papers, namely, Paper-I and Paper-II, both common to all.

(b) to (d): In the wake of certain representations received from various quarters regarding the component of English Language Comprehension Skills in Paper-II of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, the Government took a decision not to include the component of English Language Comprehensive Skills for gradation or merit in the CSE-2014.