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Title : Need to conduct Common Entrance Test in Vernacular language for appointment in Defence Forces.

DR. M. JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): Sir, at present common entrance test for enrolling young men into three wings of Defence Services, physical test as well as written test are conducted only in Hindi and English. This present recruitment system is disadvantageous to the candidates hailing from Non-Hindi speaking belt especially, the poor candidates coming from tribal areas. The UPSC has permitted the use of vernacular language for writing the examinations. The same system can be adopted for Common Entrance Test.

The candidates having qualification of tenth class/Intermediate, who seek employment are generally from the poorer strata of the society and they generally lack working knowledge in these languages. This problem is acute particularly in rural areas. Recruitment of candidates from rural areas of Andhra Pradesh will also help in tackling the Naxalite menace as the families which have their family members in military or paramilitary forces will act as a sobering influences on the rural masses leading to lack of support and sympathy to Naxalities.

Through you, Sir, I request the Union Government kindly give sympathetic thought and permit conducting the common entrance test in vernacular language on the lines of UPSC for enrolling young men into three wings of Defence Services, which are presently conducted only in Hindi and English. This would help the other southern state too and ensure even and fair representation from all over the country.