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Title : Need to review the pattern of Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC in the country.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): Sir, every time I am trying to cut short my speech.

Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to the genuine concerns about the UPSC examinations. Time has come to bring in necessary changes in the selection process of the civil servants. The Government should contemplate on vagueness and anomalies found in the pattern of preliminary and main exams that we conduct every year. The preliminary exam, which is conducted to weed out non-serious candidates, in effect, weeds out 97 per cent of the total applicants. I strongly feel that it is not advisable to weed out most of the candidates through a non-consequential preliminary test. Secondly, in the revamped format, there is no clarification from the side of UPSC regarding the number of questions asked in each paper in preliminary exam and its break-up from the broad areas till now. The UPSC has to come up with a full length model paper for Preliminary General Studies Paper I and Paper II and make the candidates aware of the revamped exam format. Similarly, there is no point in keeping students in darkness as far as their marks and right answers are concerned despite a verdict from the Chief Information Commission as well as the Supreme Court.

I hope the Government will consider these concerns and take appropriate action in this matter.