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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019)

CONDUCTING CIVIL SERVICES PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN TAMIL

725. DR. V. MAITREYAN:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of examination conducted in Tamil language by the Union Public Service Commission;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Civil Services Preliminary Examination is held only in English and Hindi; and
- (c) whether Government would consider conducting Civil Services Preliminary Examination in Tamil and other Indian languages in addition to English and Hindi?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a): The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts various Direct Recruitment Examinations as per the Rules of Examinations notified by the Government. As per the existing Rules of the Civil Services Examination, candidates have the option to answer all question papers of the Civil Services (Main) Examination, except the Qualifying Language Papers, in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India, which includes 'Tamil' also. Further, the candidates opting for Indian Language medium for the written part of the Civil Services (Main) Examination, may choose either the same Indian Language or English or Hindi as the medium for the interview.

(b): The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination is a language neutral Examination. It is an objective type test and candidates are only required to shade bubbles against their preferred answers. Further, the question papers of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination are printed in Hindi and English languages.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration for conducting Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination in Tamil and Other Indian Languages, in addition to English and Hindi.
