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**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017)

**DISPARITY IN GENERAL TREND OF MARKS**

1044. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is cognisant of the disparity in the general trend of marks secured by candidates in various optional subjects in the Civil Services Mains Examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UPSC has developed/ adopted any objective criterion so as to minimise the disparity in the marks trend across various optional disciplines in order to ensure a level playing field among candidates from various disciplines;
- (d) if so, the details of moderation or scaling methods implied; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) to (e): The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has informed that inter subject moderation is done in Civil Services (Main) Examination in order to bring parity between candidates opting for different subjects. This is done on a holistic perspective based on statistics of marks secured by candidates in different papers to ensure level playing field on account of difference in scope and coverage of syllabi, difficulty level of question papers and standards of evaluation, which can vary from year to year across subject/papers.

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