

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 914
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023)

EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS IN HILLY AREAS

914 PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that tribal students giving competitive examinations in Manipur like UPSC, SSC, etc. could not go to Imphal for their examinations and have to go to Aizawl for the same;
- (b) if so, whether Government could consider having examination centres for these examinations in hill areas like Churachandpur, Ukhrul, etc. so as to overcome the inconvenience of going to Aizawl which is around 12 hours journey by road from Churachandpur and involves a lot of financial expenditure; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for the same?

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 (c): In the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2023 (held on 28.05.2023) and in the Recruitment Tests for Accounts Officer/ Enforcement Officer and Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (APFC) in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) (held on 02.07.2023), UPSC granted option to the candidates, who had opted Imphal as a Centre, to change and appear in any of the Centres, viz., Aizawl, Delhi, Dispur, Jorhat, Kohima, Kolkata and Shillong.

Staff Selection Commission has three (3) centres viz, Imphal, Churachandpur and Ukhrul for conducting various exams in Manipur. However, for Multi-Tasking (Non-Tech.) Staff and Havaldar (CBIC & CBN) Examination, 2022, the candidates of Manipur were provided with alternative options of centres, such as Aizawl, Kohima etc. in the North-East. Further, candidates were also given options for change of centre of their preference anywhere in India.
