

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083
(ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025)

**INCLUSION OF PHARMACY AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN CIVIL SERVICES
EXAMINATION**

1083. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has received requests from Members of Parliament and the general public to include Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) as an optional subject in the Civil Services Examination;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to incorporate pharmaceutical sciences as an optional subject in the Civil Services Examination; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not including PharmD, especially considering its global recognition and the mandatory requirement of pharmacy experts in Government agencies such as the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

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): The Civil Services Examination (CSE) is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) annually in accordance with the CSE Rules notified by the Department of Personnel & Training for a particular CSE. The matter of inclusion of any new subject as an optional subject for the Civil Services Examination has been examined in this Department and it has not been found feasible to consider the same.
