

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1084**  
(ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025)

**OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION**

**#1084. DR. DINESH SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Medical Science is an optional subject in Civil Services Examinations at present and the course of Doctor of Pharmacy is deemed equivalent to MBBS;
- (b) the reasons for non-inclusion of pharmacy as an optional subject in the Civil Services Examinations, despite the fact that non-inclusion of pharmacy has been debated in the Parliament;
- (c) whether Government is planning to include Pharmacy as an optional subject in the Civil Services Examinations; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for non-inclusion of this subject?

**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 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. At present, Medical Science is one of the subjects in the list of Optional Subjects for the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

(b) to (d): 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.

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