

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2017**

NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION ON DR. AMBEDKAR'S WORK

855. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been conducting national essay competition on Dr. Ambedkar's work in English and Hindi every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to conduct the essay competition in other regional languages also to give opportunities for people in rural areas to participate in the said essay competition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam
- (b) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is organizing Dr. Ambedkar National Essay Competition for students of Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools and Recognised Colleges / Institutions / Universities. In each category 03 prizes are awarded. In the school category Rs. 50,000/-, Rs. 30,000/- & 20,000/- is presented to the first, second and third prize winners. In the University category the prizes are Rs. 1,00,000/-, Rs. 50,000/- & Rs. 25,000/- respectively.
- (c) & (d) It has been decided to hold competition in regional languages and the Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in various Universities / Institutions have been requested to organize the essay competition in respective regional languages.
