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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 860 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018)

SSC EXAMS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES

860. SHRI D.K. SURESH: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL: SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that all the examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) are only in Hindi and English versions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations seeking introduction of Indian languages including Kannada in question papers in SSC examinations to provide adequate opportunities for the students of rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to examine the matter and introduce other Indian languages in SSC examinations to facilitate the rural students?

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): Normally, the question papers in the recruitment examinations conducted by Staff Selection Commission (SSC) are in Hindi and English. However, in the examination for recruitment of Multi Tasking Staff (Non-technical), conducted by SSC, the candidates have the option of answering in the descriptive paper in English or in any language included in the eighth schedule to the Constitution of India. At present there is no proposal to extend this to other examinations.
