

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2489
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022)

REMOVAL OF PALI LANGUAGE FROM THE MAIN EXAMINATION OF UPSC

†2489. DR. SANGHMITRA MAURYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has removed Pali language from the list of subjects in the written examination (Main) of the Union Public Service Commission during the year 2013 through the Notification No. 04/2013 CSP dated March 5, 2013;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any step to include Pali language again in the list of subjects for Main Examination;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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 (d): Government have decided that the literature of any one of the 22 languages in Schedule-VIII of the Constitution besides English can be chosen as an optional subject in Civil Services (Main) Examination. This has been enforced from CSE-2013 onwards. Pali language is not a part of Schedule-VIII of the Constitution.
