

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3833  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019)

UPSC EXAMS IN ALL OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

3833. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is planning to hold the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examinations in all official languages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the present languages in which the examination can be written thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES  
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
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(a) to (c): UPSC conducts various examinations in accordance with the rules framed and notified by the nodal Ministry/ Department, which, inter-alia, contain scheme of the examination, medium of language etc. At present, the Civil Services (Main) Examination can be written in English and languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

UPSC and the nodal Ministries/ Departments are seized of the matter. In fact, UPSC had constituted a High Level Standing Committee to examine the modalities of implementing the Parliamentary Resolution on Official Languages dated 18.01.1968. The Committee had, in its Report submitted in the year 2012, which was accepted by the UPSC, underlined certain constraints such as practical/operational difficulties in getting the precise Hindi translation of question papers; especially in technical papers (Engineering, Medical Science etc.); growth of Hindi and other languages in the higher educational system, which are existing as of today.

(d): Details of the language mediums for various competitive Examinations conducted by the UPSC are at **Annexure**.

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**Language Medium for various Competitive Examinations conducted by the  
Union Public Service Commission**

S.No.	Name of Examination	Type of Paper	Answering medium	Medium of questions
1.	Civil Service (Preliminary) Examination#	Objective	No language medium for answering in multiple-choice objective type questions	Hindi & English
2.	Combined Defence Services Examination	Objective		Hindi & English
3.	National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Examination	Objective		Hindi & English
4.	Combined Medical Services Examination	Objective		English only
5.	Civil Services (Main) Examination	Conventional	English and Eighth Schedule languages	Hindi & English (Except language and literature papers)
6.	Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination	Conventional	English	English only
7.	Indian Economic Service/ Indian Statistical Service Examination	Conventional	English	English only
8.	Combined Geo-Scientist Examination	Objective + Conventional	English	English only
9.	Engineering Services Examination	Objective + Conventional	English	English only
10.	Central Police Forces (Assistant Commandants) Examination	Objective + Conventional	Hindi and English*	Hindi and English@
11.	Central Industrial Security Force Assistant Commandant (Exe) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination	Objective + Conventional	Hindi and English*	Hindi and English@
12.	Section Officers'/ Stenographers' Group 'B'/ Grade-I Limited Departmental Competitive Examination	Objective + Conventional	Hindi and English	Hindi and English

# Candidates for Indian Forest Service (Main) Examination are also screened through this examination.

\* Medium of writing answers in Essay is English and Hindi. Medium of writing answers in Comprehension and Precis Writing Components is only English.

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