2639. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no examination centre for the districts of Thoothukkudi, Thenkasi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari for the exams conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC);
(b) whether the Government will establish an exam centre in Thoothukkudi for the students from these districts and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor including the criteria followed by UPSC in establishing centres for the students taking the exam?

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): The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) at present operates no examination centre at Thoothukkudi, Thenkasi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari.

(b) & (c): General policy of the Commission in the matter of opening of new Centres is driven by the security/ integrity/ logistical considerations and also the number of Commission’s Centres already under operation in a particular State/ neighbouring regions and likely number of candidates for an examination etc. Presently, the Commission operates 5 (five) centres in the State of Tamil Nadu viz. Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli and Vellore in respect of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.

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