

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3484**

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**ONLINE EXAMINATION CENTRES IN LADAKH**

3484. SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that candidates from the UT of Ladakh aspiring to appear in recruitment examinations conducted by IBPS and other banking institutions are compelled to travel to Jammu, Srinagar or other far-off locations due to the absence of examination centres in Ladakh;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up permanent centres for conducting online examination in Ladakh for the convenience of aspirants, keeping in view the geographical isolation, harsh climatic conditions and high travel costs;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue directions to the banks to conduct departmental and promotional exams for employees posted in Ladakh within the UT itself; and;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to address this issue and to ensure equitable access to employment opportunities for the youth in Ladakh?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) is a test conducting agency engaged by the member organisations including Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for conducting recruitment examinations. The candidates while applying for the recruitment examinations opt for an examination centre and based on the number of applications received, IBPS allots the examination centre to accommodate the candidates for examinations. The availability and allocation of examination centres are determined by IBPS based on the logistical and administrative considerations.

As per IBPS, Leh & Kargil in Ladakh have been notified as the examination centres for the upcoming banking recruitment examination in the year 2025. IBPS has also informed that no examinations are conducted in adverse climatic conditions.

For the departmental and promotional examinations, in case the employees are required to travel outside Ladakh, banks reimburse expenses incurred on travelling including lodging and boarding, as per their respective eligibility. Further, in order to ensure inclusive recruitment, banks (as per their business requirements) consistently strive to provide equitable access to employment opportunities for candidates from remote regions, including the youth of Ladakh.