

### **Change in pattern of Civil Services Exam**

398. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make changes in the pattern of the Civil Services Preliminary Examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government held consultation with all concerned before effecting changes in the pattern; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a change in the pattern and syllabus of Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011. So far there was one Paper of General studies which carried 150 marks and the second Paper where the candidate had the option to choose from 23 optional Papers, carried 300 marks. Under the revised pattern there will be two papers each carrying 200 marks. The details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The changes in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination have been made after considering recommendations of Alagh Committee, second Administrative Reforms Commission and on the basis of recommendations of the UPSC. An expert committee was set up by UPSC to decide on syllabus. The expert Committee had several meetings with the eminent persons and organized workshops for wider consultation with stakeholders.

### ***Statement***

#### ***Pattern of the Civil Services Preliminary Examination - 2011***

From Civil Service Examination - 2011, Preliminary Examination would consist of Paper I and Paper II. The syllabus and pattern of the Preliminary Examination would be as under:

#### **(Paper I) (200 marks) Duration: Two hrs**

- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India and Indian National Movement
- Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic, Geography of India and the World