

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

Exams conducted in English medium

2582 # Dr. Anil Jain :

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of examinations conducted exclusively in English language across the country so far;
- (b) whether all the competitive examinations by NDA, UPSC, SSC and Railway Recruitment Board etc. are conducted in English language;
- (c) whether Government has any action plan to conduct competitive examinations in regional languages, including Hindi, across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d): Major Recruitment Agencies of the Central Government viz. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) conduct recruitment examinations as per the recruitment rules framed and notified by the Nodal Departments/ Ministries of the Government of India. The preliminary examinations conducted by these agencies comprise multiple choice objective type questions, set in both Hindi and English. In the Civil Services (Mains) Examination, conducted by UPSC, a candidate has the option to write his answers in any regional language, except in case of language and literature paper. The SSC also conducts Paper-II of Multi-Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff Examination in all the languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'C' posts including Level-I on Indian Railways are conducted by twenty-one (21) Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) in fifteen (15) languages i.e. English and fourteen (14) languages listed in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India i.e. Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Tamil, Assamese, Bengali, Konkani, Marathi, Manipuri, Malayalam, Odia & Telugu.
