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Title: Demand to include Dentistry amongst the list of optional subjects in the Indian Civil Services Examination.

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, the All-India Civil Services examination conducted by the UPSC is one of the most coveted examinations in the country. It is responsible for appointing the bureaucrats who are the backbone of our nation. The examination pattern requires a candidate to choose an optional subject which plays the most important role to qualify the main examination. There are a large number of subjects to choose from and it is seen that the candidates opt for the same subject in which he/she completed his/her graduation degree.

Sir, today I would like to raise the matter of thousands of aspirants from the Dental Sciences background. According to the aspirants, it is difficult for them to select an optional subject as Dentistry is not included as a subject by UPSC. There are several subjects like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Animal Science, Medical Science, Engineering but Dentistry is left out. This serves as a discouragement to the candidates from this field and they are forced to opt for a new subject altogether which turns to be extremely difficult for them. I believe dental education has been neglected by the Government for long and it is high time to accord the status it deserves.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the Government to look into the matter seriously and try to include Dentistry amongst the list of optional subjects in the Civil Services Examination.

Thank you.