

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES IN CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include Environmental Sciences in the list of optional subjects for the main Civil Services and other examinations conducted by the UPSC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal under consideration to include Environmental Sciences in the list of optional subjects for the Civil Services Examination.

(c): The UPSC constitutes Experts Committees from time to time to consider requests for inclusion of optional subjects. The decision to include an optional subject is taken by the Government after taking into consideration the recommendations of the Expert Committee and the views of the UPSC thereon. No recommendation to include Environmental Sciences as an optional subject for the CSE has been received by Government from the UPSC.