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Title: Need to make Tamil language a medium of examination for recruitment in Central Government jobs.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): The Central Government has been conducting various competitive examinations that are common for all candidates throughout the country, year after year. Till now, these examinations are being conducted with question papers printed only in English and Hindi languages. The students are given an option to choose between these two languages only.

This system puts the candidates from Tamil Nadu in general and with rural background in particular, into a disadvantageous position. The rural poor students are intelligent and knowledgeable, but they are not able to compete because there is no level playing field, from the aspect of choosing the language. A large number of socially and economically backward meritorious rural students are appearing in such examinations conducted by the Centre, but find it difficult because the papers are not in Tamil language.

I urge the Central Government that as a part of the policy, it should instruct the different Ministries concerned to conduct examinations in Tamil language also, apart from English and Hindi, so that the students from Tamil Nadu would have a level playing field and compete in the examination on par with other students.