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Title: Need to include Pali language as an optional subject in UPSC examination.

SHRI CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANGA (PALGHAR): Pali is an Indian language. UPSC in revised examination pattern offered 23 literature optional. Out of these, 22 are languages that belong to 8th Schedule of the Constitution. Pali was the second most popular as optional subject in the literature category as per the number of students opting for it. But, unfortunately Pali has been removed from the list of optional subjects along with other foreign languages from 2013 UPSC examination. Pali is the only Indian language which has been removed from the list of literature optional. All other languages removed are foreign languages. I, therefore, request the Minister concerned that Pali be listed as an optional subject in UPSC examination immediately.