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Title: Regarding alleged discrimination against vernacular languages in Civil Service Examination by UPSC.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (KARIMNAGAR): Mr. Speaker Madam, I would like to speak with regard to the Civil Services Examination conducted by the UPSC.

Since the last few years, as and when CSAT examination is conducted, there is a section for comprehension test. The weightage of this section is 40 per cent of the CSAT paper. This comprehension test is being conducted only in English and Hindi. Many students who come from rural background study in their own mother tongue and vernacular languages. In the year 2011, 2012 and 2013, only four students from the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh got selected. In earlier years, there used to be more than 15 to 20 students who got selected.

In these circumstances, I request the Government to see that this comprehension test – weightage is around 40 per cent of the main paper – should be conducted in vernacular languages also.

I urge the Government to take action in this regard at the earliest.