

## Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding additional attempts to UPSC Civil Services aspirants -laid.

SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE (JANGIPUR): Due to frequent and sudden changes in the examination pattern of Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC, the candidates, especially from the Rural India have lost precious years and attempts. The Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) has given advantage to the candidates with education from English medium over candidates from the Rural India.

I would like to draw the attention of the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) to address this difficulty faced by students predominantly from the Rural India by providing two (02) additional attempts to the candidates irrespective of their age and attempt restrictions from the exam cycle 2019 onwards with a preparation period of minimum one year so that they have a fair chance to compete with the other candidates.

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