

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Weightage to General Studies in UPSC

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The changes in the syllabus of Civil Services (Prelims) took place from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011 followed by changes in the Civil Services (Main) from CSE 2013 in which four papers of General Studies carrying 250 marks each were included. Thus General Studies is having 1000 marks out of 1750 marks in written part of examination. From CSE 2015 onwards, the General Studies Paper-II of the preliminary examination was made qualifying with minimum marks fixed at 33%. Further, UPSC has constituted an Expert Committee under chairmanship of Shri B.S. Baswan to comprehensively examine the various issues, raised from time to time regarding the CSE, with respect to the eligibility, syllabus, scheme and pattern of the Examination vide notice dated 12.08.2015. The report of Baswan Committee is currently under the consideration of the UPSC and the recommendations of the UPSC on the report are yet to be received.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question by Shri Ramsinh Rathwa in the Lok Sabha today.

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