

Scheme of Examination for Recruitment to the post of Parliamentary Interpreter (Regional Language)

The Scheme of Examination for recruitment to the post of Parliamentary Interpreter (Regional Language) in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat shall consist of the following four stages:

1. Oration Test
2. Written Test
3. Simultaneous Interpretation Test (SIT)
4. Interview

STAGE 1. ORATION TEST

Examination	Part	Marks	Time
Oration Test	English [#] OR Hindi [#]	100	3 minutes

In the Oration Test, seven topics **either in English or in Hindi** shall be given to the candidates, based on the choice of language exercised by them in this regard[#], and a candidate will be required to speak *ex-tempore* for three minutes in that language, **on any one topic** from the given topics for that language. The objective of the Test is to assess fluency; language content; style, pronunciation and accent; material content; and voice of the candidate.

STAGE 2. WRITTEN TEST

Candidates qualifying the Oration Test shall have to appear in the Written Test, as per the details given below:

Examination		Paper	Questions	Marks	Time
Objective Type - Multiple Choice Questions	I	Part A: General Intelligence	25	25	40 Minutes
		Part B: General Awareness including Current Affairs	25	25	
		Total (Paper I)	50	50	
Descriptive Type	II	Part A: English [#] Language <u>OR</u> Hindi [#] Language	-	50	3 Hours
		Part B: Regional Language	-	50	
		Part C: Translation (Regional Language to English [#] and <i>vice versa</i>) <u>OR</u> Translation (Regional Language to Hindi [#] and <i>vice versa</i>)	-	100	
		Total (Paper II)	-	200	
		Total (Paper I + Paper II)	-	250	

- (i) There shall be **no** negative marking in the Objective Type Paper I.
- (ii) Only those candidates who **qualify** the Written Test shall be allowed to appear in the Simultaneous Interpretation Test (SIT). Prior to the SIT, candidates would be provided short training in Simultaneous Interpretation.

STAGE 3. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION TEST (SIT)

Examination	Part	Marks	Time
Simultaneous Interpretation Test	Regional Language to English [#] OR Regional Language to Hindi [#]	200	10 minutes

In the Simultaneous Interpretation Test (SIT), performance of the candidates will be assessed under five specific parameters, *i.e.*, Coverage; Accuracy; Style and Diction; Continuity of Interpretation; and Voice, Pronunciation and Accent. Only those candidates who **qualify** the SIT shall be allowed to appear in the Interview.

STAGE 4. INTERVIEW (50 MARKS)

The interview shall be structured to evaluate the interests, knowledge, traits, aptitude, skills *etc.* of the candidates with a view to assess their overall personality and to judge their suitability for the post.

MINIMUM QUALIFYING MARKS

The Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks in the Written Test (Paper I and Paper II taken together) are as follows: -

Category	UR/EWS	OBC	SC/ST
Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks	50%	45%	40%

However, the Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks in case of the Oration Test and the Simultaneous Interpretation Test is 50% for candidates of all categories.

MERIT LIST

Merit List shall be prepared based on the overall marks obtained in the Oration Test (100 marks), the Written Test (250 marks), the Simultaneous Interpretation Test (200 marks) and the Interview (50 marks). **Candidates eliminated at any stage of the recruitment process shall not be included in the final Merit List.**

[#] Candidates shall have to opt between English and Hindi as the language, alongside the Regional Language applied for, at the time of applying for the post itself. Change in language opted is not permissible during the recruitment process under any circumstances.
