

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT
(RECRUITMENT CELL)

**SCHEME OF DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE POST
OF PARLIAMENTARY INTERPRETER (ENGLISH/HINDI)**

The Scheme of Departmental Competitive Examination for promotion to the post of Parliamentary Interpreter (English/Hindi) in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat shall consist of the following four stages -

- Stage 1. Oration Test**
- Stage 2. Simultaneous Interpretation Test**
- Stage 3. Written Test**
- Stage 4. Interview**

Besides, candidates would also be assessed on the basis of their performance appraisal as per their respective APAR gradings.

STAGE 1. ORATION TEST

Examination	Part	Marks	Time
Oration Test	I. English	50	3 minutes
	II. Hindi	50	3 minutes
Total		100	

In the Oration Test, seven topics **each** in **English and Hindi** shall be given to the candidates and a candidate will be required to speak *ex-tempore* for three minutes on a topic in English from the topics given in English **and** for three minutes on a topic in Hindi from the topics given in Hindi. The objective of the Test is to assess fluency; language content; style, pronunciation and accent; material content; and voice of the candidate.

STAGE 2. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION TEST (SIT)

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

Examination	Part	Marks	Time
Simultaneous Interpretation Test	I. English to Hindi	100	5 minutes
	II. Hindi to English	100	5 minutes
Total		200	

Prior to the SIT, candidates would be provided short training in Simultaneous Interpretation. In the Simultaneous Interpretation Test (SIT), the 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 Written Test.

STAGE 3. WRITTEN TEST

Examination	Paper	Questions	Marks	Time
Objective Type I - Multiple Choice Questions	Part A: General Awareness	25	25	50 Minutes
	Part B: Functioning of the Rajya Sabha and its Secretariat	25	25	
	Total (Paper I)	50	50	
Descriptive Type	II Part A: English Language	-	50	3 Hours
	Part B: Hindi Language	-	50	
	Part C: Translation (English 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 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.

EVALUATION OF SERVICE RECORDS (50 MARKS)

The evaluation of service records of such candidates, who qualify - the Oration Test, the SIT and the Written Test by securing the Minimum Qualifying Percentage of marks, shall be done based on the APARs of the last three years in the manner prescribed by this Cell.

MINIMUM QUALIFYING MARKS

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

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

Category	SC/ST	OTHERS
Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks	40%	50%

N.B.

- (i) *In Oration Test a candidate is required to obtain Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks, separately, in each of the two parts, viz., (i) English & (ii) Hindi;*
- (ii) *Similarly, in the Simultaneous Interpretation Test, a candidate is required to obtain Minimum Qualifying Percentage of Marks, separately, in each of the two parts, viz., (i) 'English to Hindi' & (ii) 'Hindi to English'; and*
- (iii) *There shall be no Minimum Qualifying marks in the Interview.*

MERIT LIST

Merit List shall be prepared based on the overall marks obtained by the candidates in the Oration Test (100 Marks), the Simultaneous Interpretation Test (200 Marks), the Written Test (250 Marks), the Interview (50 Marks) and the Evaluation of Service Records (50 Marks).

Candidates eliminated at any stage of the recruitment process shall not be included in the final Merit List.
