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### **Ramadoss flays move to reduce age limit for UPSC**

CHENNAI: PMK founder Dr S Ramadoss on Wednesday flayed the move to reduce the upper-age limit for appearing the all India civil services examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

In a statement here, he alleged that the recommendations of retired IAS officer BS Baswan, seeking to reduce the upper age limit from 32 years would badly hit the chances of candidates from rural areas.

Currently, the upper-age limit for general category is 32 years, OBC-35 years and SC/ST-37 years.

He recalled that the UPA government had rejected the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission when it proposed reduction of upper-age limit from 30 to 26 in 2014 following objection from political parties. The PMK founder urged the Centre to reject the proposal of the BS Baswan panel and instead raise the upper-age limit from the current from 32 to 35 years.