

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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COACHING FACILITIES FOR SCS STS OBCS CANDIDATES  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have formulated or propose to formulate a scheme to provide coaching/training to the SCs and OBCs candidates prior to appearing in various examinations/interviews;
- (b) if so, the details of each scheme formulated/to be formulated and institutes/NGOs/ Universities selected in this regard; and
- (c) the funds provided to different States/NGOs/institutions/universities under each scheme to SCs and OBCs candidates separately during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT {SHRI NAGMANI}:

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities for providing pre-examination coaching to students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities, so as to enable them to compete with those coming from socially and economically advantageous sections of the society. Only students belonging to Scheduled Castes, OBCs and Minorities having family income of upto Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum are eligible for assistance under the scheme. The scheme is implemented through State Government's run institutes, Universities and non-Governmental organizations possessing adequate experience in the field. The coaching is provided for recruitment in various services and entrance examinations for professional courses. The proposals received from NGOs/Universities for assistance under the scheme are examined and recommended for sanction by a Screening Committee constituted by the Ministry for this purpose. Assistance is provided under the scheme annually based on performance of the students coached by the Institute. List of Institutes/NGOs/ Universities selected in this regard is at Statement-I, II, III and IV enclosed.

(c) The information about funds provided to different State-run institutions and universities is given at Statement I & II respectively. The list of NGOs under the scheme providing coaching to SC & OBC students and funds.