

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

an>

Title: Regarding setting up of a district-level coaching centres for competitive examinations across the country .

SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH (THENI): I would like to urge the Government to set up at least one district-level coaching centre for rural youths across the country for various competitive examinations.

In India, a student's inability to access professional coaching to crack competitive exams unfairly affects his entry into the most sought-after jobs in the country. The Civil Services Exams, NDA, SSC, etc. are among the most challenging exams in the world and require expensive test preparation and considerable expenditure on books and coaching materials. There are millions of aspiring youths in rural India who do not have access to professional coaching both due to their financial constraints and due to the unavailability of high-quality coaching centres. Moreover, private coaching institutes levy exorbitant fees. It is critical that India's most marginalised are enabled to represent in the leadership of India's administrative, defence, technology and other Government service sectors.

I wish to urge upon the Government, through you, hon. Chairperson, Sir, to address this challenge by establishing at-least one such coaching centre in every district of our country that will admit students from Extremely Weaker Sections in the rural areas at free-of-cost or at a subsidized fee.

