

**Pre-Examination Training Centres**

4206. SHRI P. KUMARASWAMY:  
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pre-examination Training/Coaching Centers functioning in the Country to impart coaching to SC/ST candidates appearing for competitive Examinations, State/UT- wise,

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more such centres in the Country,

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise,

(d) whether any study has been made as to the output and functioning of these centres,

(e) if so, the outcome thereof, and

(f) if not, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. More such pre-examination coaching centres are proposed to be set up under the Centrally Sponsored Coaching & Allied Scheme for SC/ST students, particularly, in States/UTs having either on PETC so far or inadequate number of PETCs. The decision to set up more such centres will be taken by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (W). All State Govts. /UT Administrations have therefore, been requested to send their proposals for setting up new PETCs according. They have also been requested to identify the Universities/Private institutions for the purpose and send their proposals to Ministry of Welfare with their recommendation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Some studies on this scheme have been entrusted to reputed Research Agencies in some selected states.

**STATEMENT**

*State-wise position of number of Pre-Examination Training Centres functioning under the Centrally Sponsored Coaching and Allied Scheme for SC/ST students.*

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>State/ UT</i>	<i>No. of PETCs</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9
2.	Assam	1
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
4.	Bihar	3

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<i>S.No.</i>	<i>State/ UT</i>	<i>No. of PETCs</i>
5.	Gujarat	8
6.	Goa	1
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Haryana	6
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
10.	Kamataka	7
11.	Kerala	4
12.	Maharashtra	3
13.	Madhya Pradesh	13
14.	Mizoram	-
15.	Manipur	1
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Nagaland	1
18.	Orissa	16
19.	Punjab	3
20.	Rajasthan	32
21.	Sikkim	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	1
23.	Tripura	1

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<i>S.No.</i>	<i>State/ UT</i>	<i>No. of PETCs</i>
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13
25.	West Bengal	4
26.	A & N Islands	-
27.	Chandigarh	-
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
29.	Delhi	4
30.	Daman & Diu	-
31.	Lakshdweep	-
32.	Pondicherry	1
Total:		135

### **Ground Water Level In Punjab**

4207. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a rapid decrease in the ground water level in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Ground Water Board has conducted any survey of the availability of ground water in the state;

(d) if so, the details thereof and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. However seasonally a gradual decline in the level of ground water has been observed in certain areas of the state.