

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 412**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023

**FREE COACHING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY**

412. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has modified the terms of the scholarship scheme for providing free coaching to students with disabilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the coaching institutes which are providing free coaching to students with disabilities; and
- (c) the number of students who have availed the benefits of free coaching for students with disabilities scheme during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) and (b): The guidelines of 'Free Coaching for Students with Disabilities' Scheme have been re-framed which are applicable with effect from 01.04.2023. The objectives of the scheme are to provide free coaching facilities to students with benchmark disabilities (having a minimum of 40% disability) to enable them to appear in competitive examinations for government jobs and to seek admission for various professional and technical courses. The reframed Scheme is implemented through the following implementing agencies:-

(i) Empanelled Central University/Institutes under Free Coaching Scheme of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) under Ministry of Social Justice of Empowerment

(ii) National Institutes / Composite Regional Centers under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

(c) No student has availed the benefit of this scheme during last three years.

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