

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.581**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

**COACHING CENTRES FOR SC**

**581. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:**

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

- (a) the total number of competitive examinations coaching centres for the Scheduled Castes funded by the Ministry as on date in the country;
- (b) whether there is proposal to increase or establish new coaching centres in the areas with high Scheduled Castes population like Kolar in Karnataka and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the Ministry would consider such an idea in due course of time for the larger interest of the deprived students aspiring to be civil servants, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether apart from Civil Services Examination there is a feasible study made to establish competitive examinations coaching centres for banking, Railways, Staff Selection Commission etc. examinations for the Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, OBC and also general group and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government would consider the same in the near future and if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**  
**(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a) & (b): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment runs a scheme namely Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs for imparting coaching for competitive examinations for obtaining appropriate jobs in Public/Private Sector and/or for securing admission in reputed technical and professional higher educational institutions. From 2023-24, the scheme is being run by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) through Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) established in Central Universities. Under the Scheme, funds are released directly to the students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Presently, 17 Central Universities have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) for imparting coaching. Other Central Universities by signing MoU with DAF may also start imparting coaching in future.

(c) to (e) As per Scheme Guidelines, apart from Civil Services Examination, there is also a provision for imparting coaching for other competitive examinations. Details are available at FCS portal i.e. on [coaching.dosje.gov.in](http://coaching.dosje.gov.in) and on <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/30>.

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