

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †2788
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 08/08/2024

FREE COACHING FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of schemes have been proposed/implemented by the Government to provide free coaching to tribal students for preparation of Competitive Examinations in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether free coaching for preparation of IITs and UPSC examinations have also been provided free of cost to tribal students under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free of cost quality coaching to the candidates belonging to the deprived Scheduled Tribes (STs) so as to enable them to qualify the competitive examinations to get jobs in Public/Private Sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the students/candidates belonging to the poor Scheduled Tribes (STs) under Ramanujan-Balrampur and Surajpur districts in Sarguja Parliamentary Constituencies in the State of Chhattisgarh are likely to be benefited by the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is not administrating any exclusive scheme for providing coaching to Scheduled Tribe students. However, Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance to the State Governments on the basis of their proposals under Grants under Proviso to Article 275(1). Details of funds approved for activities of coaching for STs under Proviso to Article 275(1) during 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as under:

| (Rs. in lakh) | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 860.00 | 230.00 | 223.20 | 802.60 | 250.00 |

Further, under the erstwhile scheme ‘Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme’, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has provided funding on the proposal received from the State Governments. Details of the such activities approved by the PAC under the erstwhile scheme of ‘SCA to TSS’ during 2016-17 to 2020-21 is at **Annexure I**.

Besides this, Ministry of Tribal Affairs under scheme of “Development of PVTGs” for socio-economic and holistic development of PVTGs, provided funds to the concerned State Government / UT for activities of coaching for PVTG students as given below.

| (Rs. in lakh) | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| 137.72 | 118.40 | 100.00 | 50.00 |

Further National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has initiated a two-year program free residential coaching for IIT JEE and NEET preparations for students (Class-XI and XII) studying in EMRSs at dedicated centre w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-24. Digital tutoring provision has been made at EMRS Shivprasadnagar, district Surajpur in Chhatisgarh for the preparation of NEET and IIT.

Annexure-I

Annexure 1 referred in reply to part (a) to (d) of LSUQ No. †2788 for 08.08.2024

Details of the activities related to coaching centres approved by the PAC under the erstwhile scheme of 'SCA to TSS' during 2016-17 to 2020-21

| Sl.No. | Financial Year | Name of State | Name of Activity | PAC approved amount (Rs. lakhs) |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| 1. | 2020-21 | Tamil Nadu | Providing Coaching to Tribal students to attend Competitive Examinations | 52.5 |
| 2. | | Tripura | Coaching for competitive exams to ST students | 52 |
| 3. | 2018-19 | Telangana | Coaching to ST students with professional qualification for State and National level competitive exams like GATE, IES, IFS and other Govt. Services) Proposed Units:- 200 | 100 |
| 4. | | Meghalaya | Soft Skill Coaching to tribal youth. | 498.55 |
| 5. | | Chhattisgarh | Coaching unemployed youths and class XII students in SPOKEN ENGLISH AND (Accent Neutrilization) for BPO orientation | 200.00 |
| 6. | 2017-18 | Chhattisgarh | Coaching to the student of class 9, 10, 11 & 12th in science, Maths & English subject in Eklavya, Model Schools, Girls education complex, Kridaparisar etc | 62.4 |
| 7. | 2016-17 | Telangana | Special coaching & Test for ST students on Employability skills (@ 12500/- each) | 312.5 |
