

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2623  
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FREE COACHING TO SCS/STS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Central assistance is provided to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes students for the free coaching;
- (b) if so, whether the said scheme has since been implemented so far particularly in Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (c) Central Assistance is provided for coaching for competitive examinations of All India character (like Civil services, Entrance for Professional Courses, Subordinate Services Examinations, Lower Services Examinations, Defence Services Examinations, Banking Services Examinations and Railway Board etc.) to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe students by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs respectively under the Centrally Sponsored Coaching & Allied scheme for SCs/STs. Assistance under the Scheme is provided to all States including Gujarat as per the guidelines. Rs. 0.31 lakhs was released to Gujarat under the scheme during 1997-98.

(d) Does not arise.