GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1760 ANSWERED ON:08.08.2006 COACHING FACILITIES FOR STS. Pradhan Shri Dharmendra

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) The main courses covered under Centrally sponsored Scheme for the coaching of ST Students;
- (b) The funds allocated under this scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) Whether the said scheme is being properly implemented in all the States;
- (d) If so, the details in this regard;
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) The corrective steps taken by the Government for proper implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b) The scheme for coaching of scheduled tribe students covers pre-examination coaching for competitive examinations which have all India recruitment, such as the Civil Services Examination, Banking Recruitment Services, Railway Board Recruitment Examination, etc. as well as coaching for entrance examinations for professional courses. The State-wise details of funds released by the Ministry during last three years under the scheme are given at Annexure.

(c)to(f) The Ministry releases funds to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, Universities and NGOs from whom complete proposals are received. To improve the implementation of the scheme, the Ministry now requires a minimum success rate to be reported. To enhance the coverage and increase the response, wide publicity about the scheme is made in the national dailies.