

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on any proposal for capacity building programme like soft skill-English Language proficiency, computer education, communication and so on for the youths of the SC/ST/OBC/minorities groups; and

(b) if so, the funds provided so far to the State of Maharashtra in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Govt. However, the Govt. provides financial assistance for inter-alia conducting courses for persons in need of soft skills, under various Schemes for youth belonging to SC/ST/OBC/ Minorities. No funds have been released by this Ministry to State Govt. of Maharashtra under Central Sector Scheme of 'Free Coaching for SC & OBC Students' during 2010-11.

Under the Scheme of Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for candidates belonging to Minority Communities, the Ministry of Minority Affairs releases funds to concerned institutions selected under the scheme and not to State Governments.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing a scheme under which grant in aid is also provided to NGOs for running Computer Training Centers. No grant in aid has been provided to the State Government of Maharashtra during last three years.