

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1697  
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PRE-RECRUITMENT TRAINING TO SCS  
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) whether pre-recruitment training is given to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), who are appearing for the examinations being conducted by the Government and the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes sir. A Central Sector Scheme of "Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students" is being funded by the Ministry for providing qualitative coaching to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes. The objectives of the scheme are to provide free coaching for Group A and B examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, the Staff Selection Commission and various Railway Recruitment Boards and the State Public Service Commissions; Officers' Grade examinations conducted by Banks, Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings and; Finishing courses/job-oriented courses for employment in the private sector. The Scheme is being implemented through the reputed institutions/centres run by the State Governments/UT Administrations, Universities and the private sector organizations. Students belonging to SCs and OBCs having total family income of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum are eligible under the scheme.

(c) Does not arise.