

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SC/ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance for remedial coaching to SC/ST students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of SC/ST students getting benefited from the said programmes;
- (d) whether UGC is offering any scholarship/incentives to the students of such coaching facilities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to Central/State/UGC maintained Deemed to be Universities and Colleges for SC/ST students under following three schemes:-

(1) Remedial Coaching at Undergraduate and Postgraduate Level for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities Students.

(2) Coaching for entry into service for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities Students.

(3) Coaching of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities candidates to prepare for National Eligibility Test (NET)/ State Level Eligibility Test (SLET).

(c): Universities and Colleges covered under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, with students belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non creamy layer)/Minority communities are considered for financial assistance on lumpsum basis by UGC under these schemes. An amount of Rs. 48.45 crores was spent in Xlth Plan on these schemes. Besides, UGC provides fellowship to SC/ST students under the Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) since 2005. Under RGNF, 2000 slots for SC and 667 slots for ST students are filled every year.

(d to f): No separate scholarship/incentive is provided to these students. Those students who pass NET/SLET are eligible for fellowship under Junior/Senior Research Fellowship scheme of UGC.