

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FREE COACHING TO SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up free coaching-cum-guidance centres for Scheduled Castes (SCs) students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such centres functioning in various States; and
- (c) the achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) : No Sir. However, the Ministry extends admissible financial assistance to the reputed institutions/ centres run by the State Governments/UT Administrations, Universities and the private sector organizations to implement its Central Sector Scheme of "Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students". The purpose of the Scheme is to provide qualitative coaching to SC and OBC Students for :-

- (i) Group A and Group B examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); the State Public Service Commissions; the Staff Selection Commission and the various Railway Recruitment Boards (RRB);
- (ii) Officers Grade examinations conducted by Banks, Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs); and
- (iii) Finishing courses/job-oriented courses for employment in the private sector.

(b) and (c) : 94 organizations were extended financial assistance to cover 19,676 students under the Scheme during first four years (2007-08 to 2010-11) of the XI Five Year Plan.