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FREE COACHING TO SC STUDENTS FOR INDIAN CIVIL SERVICES
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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 along with the amount allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) 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 Staff Selection Commission (SSC); the State Public Service Commissions and the various Railway Recruitment Boards(RRB);
- (ii) Officers' Grade examinations conducted by Banks, Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings(PSUs); and
- (iii) Premier Entrance Examinations for admission in (a) Engineering (eg. IIT-JEE & AIEEE), (b) Medical(eg.AIPMT), (c) professional courses like Management (eg. CAT) and Law (eg.CIAT) and (d) such other disciplines.
- (iv) Finishing courses/job-oriented courses for employment in the private sector like IT, Bio-technology etc. in need of soft skill and other professional courses specified by the Government from time to time.

(b) and (c): 101 organisations were extended financial assistance to cover 27982 students under the Scheme during the XI Five Year Plan(2007-08 to 2011-12). Budget Allocation for 2012-13 is Rs. 12.00 crore.