

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1266  
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COACHING FACILITY FOR BPL STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefit of the scheme of free coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students to BPL students from the academic year 2013; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Under the 'Free Coaching for SC & OBC Students Scheme', the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes having total annual family income of Rs.3.00 lakh are eligible for benefits. The Scheme was revised with effect from 1.8.2012 prior to which the annual family income ceiling was Rs.2.00 lakh.