

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COACHING FACILITIES FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES ST

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government implements any scheme for providing free coaching facility to the Scheduled Tribes (STs) Students preparing for various competitive examinations including Civil Services Examination;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the funds provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ Voluntary Organisations (VOs) under the scheme along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the achievements/success rate of the scheme, particularly in regard to Civil Services Examination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of "Coaching for Scheduled Tribes" in the country under which Pre-Examination Coaching Centres (PECs) run by the State Governments/Universities/Registered Private Institutes are supported for providing coaching to ST students. The ST students whose annual income (income of self and/or income of parents, if dependent on them) is less than Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum are covered under the scheme. The scheme covers the following courses:-

(i) Civil Services Examination/State Civil Services Examination.

(ii) Entrance Exams for medical, Engineering, MBA and other professional courses.

(iii) Other exams conducted by U.P.S.C like CDS, NDA etc./Staff Selection Commission Exams/Subordinated/Lower Subordinate Services Exam, Central Excise etc.

(iv) BSRBs/RRBs, General Insurance Corporations, etc.

(c) : The State-wise list of PECs funded by this Ministry during the last three years and current year is at Annex. 1. Number of beneficiaries covered is given at Annex. 2.

(d): The objective of the scheme is to enable ST candidates have access to coaching facilities in quality coaching institutions before appearing for competitive examinations. The Ministry does not maintain data on examination-specific success rate including Civil Services Examination.