

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COACHING FOR SC OBC STUDENTS

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides for free coaching to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates for various competitive public examinations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of examinations and institutes/centres through which such facilities are given along with the criteria for selection for attending the free classes;
- (c) whether the coaching institutes/ centres which provide such facilities, are paid by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred on providing free coaching to SC/ OBC candidates during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of candidates who attended free coaching classes and qualified in various examinations during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry extends admissible financial assistance to the reputed institutions /centres run by State Governments/UT Administrations, Universities and the private sector organizations to implement its Central Sector Scheme of 'Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Class Students (OBCs)' to provide good quality coaching for the competitive examinations and finishing courses, broadly as follows:

(1) Group A and B examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission / The Staff Selection Commission / Various Railway Recruitment Boards / Group A and B examinations conducted by the State Public Service Commissions/Officers' Grade examinations conducted by Banks, Insurance Companies/Public Sector Undertakings, including civil services examination and job oriented courses.

(2) Premier Entrance Examinations for admission in (i) Engineering (eg. IIT-JEE & AIEEE), (ii) Medical (eg. AIPMT), (iii) professional courses like Management (eg. CAT) and Law (eg. CLAT) and (iv) such other disciplines, Ministry may decide from time to time;

(3) Finishing courses / job-oriented courses for employment in private sector like IT, Bio-technology etc. and other professional courses specified by the Government from time to time.

Only students belonging to SCs and OBCs having total annual family income upto Rs. 3.00 lakh are eligible under the Scheme. The ratio of SC and OBC students to be coached under the Scheme is 70:30.

(d) and (e) A Statement showing State-wise funds released and the number of candidates who attended free coaching classes under the Scheme during the last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13) and current year is annexed.

The data regarding number of candidates who attended free coaching classes and have qualified in various examinations during the said period is not maintained.