

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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COACHING TO SC ST STUDENTS  
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance for remedial coaching to SC/ST students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of SC/ST students benefited from the said programmes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether UGC is offering any scholarship/ incentives to the students for such coaching facilities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that in order to enable students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes(STs)/Other Backward Classes (Non-creamy layer)/Minority communities, who need remedial coaching to come up to the level necessary for pursuing higher studies efficiently and to reduce their failure and drop-out rate, it has been providing financial assistance to Universities and Colleges for conducting special classes outside the regular time table. Such assistance is provided under the UGC Coaching Schemes for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Students for Universities and Colleges. Financial assistance of Rs. 5 Lakhs, for non-recurring items, as one time grant and Rs. 7 Lakhs per annum, for recurring items, is provided to Universities under the scheme. Colleges are eligible to receive Rs. 5 Lakhs, for non-recurring items, as one time grant and Rs. 2 Lakhs per annum, for recurring items, under the scheme. The details of these Schemes are available at [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1910509\\_Guidelines-for-Coaching-Schemes-university.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1910509_Guidelines-for-Coaching-Schemes-university.pdf) and [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2722093\\_Guidelines-for-Coaching-Schemes-college.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2722093_Guidelines-for-Coaching-Schemes-college.pdf) respectively.

During the year 2012-13, the UGC has released a grant of Rs. 21.95 Crores and Rs. 73.24 Crores to 137 Universities and 4254 Colleges under these schemes respectively.

(c): The number of SC/ST students benefited from the said programmes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise are not maintained by the UGC. As per the guidelines, each University/College is required to maintain attendance registers for all candidates enrolled for coaching classes as well as subject wise result of tests and other evaluation. The Coordinators of the programme in the concerned Higher Educational Institutions maintain the appraisal report of the implementation of these schemes.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. The UGC has reported that there is no provision for scholarship/incentives to the students for such coaching facilities. The UGC is separately providing financial assistance to SC/ST students under the following schemes :-

- 1) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidates
- 2) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST candidates
- 3) Post- Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST candidates
- 4) Post-Graduate Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST Candidates.

Details of guidelines of these schemes are available at [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in).