

**Financial assistance for remedial coaching**

2387. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC provides financial assistance for remedial coaching to SC/ST students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SC/ST students who are getting benefits from such programmes and such coaching facilities;

(d) the details of the number of students who failed to get through, even after such coaching; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 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) and Minority Students for Universities and Colleges. Financial assistance of ₹5 Lakhs, for non-recurring items, as one time grant and ₹7 Lakhs per annum, for recurring items, is provided to Universities under the scheme. Colleges are eligible to receive ₹5 Lakhs, for non-recurring items, as one time grant and ₹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 ₹73.24 crores to 4254 Colleges under these schemes.

(c) to (e) 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 and the UGC has constituted a Standing Committee to review their implementation.