

**Assistance to SC/ST students for competitive exams**

†2535. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the assistance provided to SC/ST students across the country for competitive examinations during the last three years;
- (b) the names of coaching institutions being run for them; and
- (c) whether their audit and performance evaluation has been done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is implementing a Scheme, namely, 'Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students' under which funds are provided for coaching eligible SC and OBC candidates for appearing in competitive examinations. The coaching is imparted through reputed coaching institutions/centers empanelled by the Ministry under the Scheme. The funds released under the Scheme during the last three years are as given below:

(₹ in lakh)		
2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Fund Released	Fund Released	Fund Released
682.00	150.00	1984.27

As regards Schedule Tribes (ST) students are concerned, the scheme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) provides funds to bridge gap between ST population and others by providing support for education and other aspects. The details of the funds released to the State Governments for the purpose of assistance to ST Students for competitive examination from 2016-17 to 2018-19 under the scheme of SCA to TSS are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

In addition to the above, grant under Article 275 (1) of the constitution is also given *inter alia*, for education purposes of Tribal students. The details of grants released under Article 275 (1) from 2016-17 to 2018-19 are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

- (b) The names of coaching institutions selected/empanelled for providing coaching under the Scheme of 'Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students' are given in Statement-III.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

As regards, Schedule Tribes Students, the funds are released to the State Governments and the names of coaching institutions are not centrally maintained.

(c) In respect of Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students, the grant-in-aid for 2nd and 3rd years is released to the empanelled institutes only after receipt of audited accounts in respect of previous year's funds. As regards performance evaluation, the Scheme guidelines provide for a review of performance of the coaching institutions at the end of the third year of their empanelment. Since the existing Scheme is effective with effect from 2016-17, and a number of coaching institutes empanelled have started their first year's coaching in 2017-18, the performance evaluation is not due.

In respect of Schedule Tribes students, question does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

***Statement-I***

*Details of the funds released to the State Governments for the purpose of assistance to ST students for competitive examinations during 2016-17 to 2018-19 under the scheme of SCA to TSS*

Year	Name of State	Activity	Funds Released (₹ in lakh)
1	2	3	4
2016-17	No funds released for coaching of ST students for competitive examinations		
	Maharashtra	Providing Basic Infrastructure in Govt. Hostels (1) Invertor support, (2) CCTVs (3) computer lab (4) Sport equipment (5) solid waste management (6) <b>competitive exam library</b> (7) TV	700.00
2017-18	Chhattisgarh	Coaching to the student of class 9, 10, 11 & 12th in science, Maths & English subject in Eklavya, Model Schools, Girls education complex, Kridaparisar etc.	62.40
	West Bengal	Special classroom session in 217 Ashram Hostels - Eng, Science, Maths, vernacular -	142.42

1	2	3	4
		for 6244 inmates. ₹ 20/-per hour, 25 hrs a month for 10 months plus books & stationery.	
		Career counseling of 10th & 12th standard students - 7 E MRS, 3 PRMS (Pandit Raghunath Murmu School)	15.00
2018-19	Chhattisgarh	Coaching unemployed youths and class XII students in SPOKEN ENGLISH AND ANC (Accent Neutralization) for BPO orientation.	200
	Telangana	Coaching to ST students with professional qualification for State and National level competitive exams like GATE, IES, IFS and other Govt. services)	100.00

**Statement-II**

*Details of the funds released to the State Governments for the purpose of assistance to ST students for competitive examinations during 2016-17 to 2018-19 under Article 275(1) of the Constitution*

Year	Name of State	Activity	Funds Released (₹ in lakh)
1	2	3	4
2016-17	Telangana	Special coaching & Test for ST students on employability skills	312.50
2017-18	Maharashtra	Construction of competitive exam study centre with library & furniture.	160.00
	Nagaland	Library-cum-Hindi Coaching Centre	75.00
2018-19	Karnataka	To provide special coaching for science/maths students studying 12th class in EMRs and state residential schools and also 3 months coaching in expert institutions during summer vacations for appearing to the entrance	100.00

1	2	3	4
		examinations being conducted for Medical and Engineering courses both by State and Central Government Institutions. About 150 students to be covered.	
	Mizoram	Conduct of Coaching Classes for 9th & 11th Standard students for NEET & JEE Exams	15.00
	Rajasthan	NEET / JEE Coaching for 150 Students	37.40

***Statement-III***

*State/UT-wise details of coaching institutes selected for empanelment under the Scheme of 'Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students'*

Sl. No.	Name of States	Name of Institutions
1	Assam	Chitale's Personalized Learning Pvt. Ltd. (Guwahati Centre)
2	Bihar	The Gurukul Practice Centre, Mumbai (at Patna centre)
3	Chandigarh	Bulls Eye (Mind Tree Education Pvt. Ltd.) MT Educare Ltd. Samkalp Jan Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, (at Chandigarh centre)
4	Delhi	Samkalp Jan Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, New Delhi (at Delhi Centre) Carrier Power, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi Sachdeva New P.T. College, New Delhi IES Academy Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi Career Plus Educational Society, New Delhi BSC Academy Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi Meridian Courses, Mukherjee Nagar Dikshant Education Centre, Mukherjee Nagar
5	Gujarat	Chitale's Personalized Learning Pvt. Ltd. MT Educare Ltd. Aryan Foundation, Badodra

Sl. No.	Name of States	Name of Institutions
6.	Haryana	Samkalp Jan Kalyan Shiksha Samiti, New Delhi (at Delhi centre) LILAC Education Pvt. Ltd, Gurugram
7.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Institute of Engineering & Technology, Sadhaura Road, Kala amb, Sirmour
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	Bandipora College of Information Technology, Kashmir
9.	Karnataka	Aryan Foundation, Mangalore Global Education Trust, Bangalore
10.	Meghalaya	Sachdeva New P.T. College
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences Indore Perfect Samajik Evam Shikshan Samiti, Bhopal Tanishk Shikshan Evam Samaj Kalyan Sanstha Samiti, Bhopal. Comp-Feeders Takiniki Prashikshan Sansthan, Indore. Excellent Civil Academy Trust, M.P. Nagar, Bhopal. Disha Diya Education Trust, J.K. Town, Kolar Road, Bhopal
12.	Maharashtra	The Gurukul Practice Centre, Mumbai Aryan Foundation, Mumbai Bakliwal Education and Social Trust, Pune Chitale's Personalised Learning Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai Global Education Trust, Mumbai MT Educare Ltd., Mumbai
13.	Manipur	Youth Step Forward Centre, Thoubal
14.	Odisha	AAKASH Coaching Institution, Near Salipur Cuttack The Shine Institute, PO: Kunjakanta, Distt: Dhenkanal
15.	Punjab	MT Educare Ltd., Patiala Chitale's Personalized Learning Pvt. Ltd. Global Education Trust, Patiala

Sl. No.	Name of States	Name of Institutions
16.	Rajasthan	Mothers Education Hub, Jaipur Career Point, Jaipur Patanjali IAS, Jaipur
17.	Tamil Nadu	MT Educare Ltd. Shankar IAS Academy, Annanagar, Chennai
18.	Telangana	Telangana State Study Centre, Hyderabad
19.	Tripura	Sachdeva College Pvt. Ltd., Agartala
20.	Uttar Pradesh	PMT Physics College, Lucknow Pioneer Foundation, Lucknow

#### **Financial assistance to senior citizens**

2536. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government implements schemes to provide financial assistance to senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated under these schemes during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of senior citizens benefitted under these schemes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) to (c) As informed by Ministry of Rural Development, Old age pension is provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS). Under the scheme, assistance is provided to persons of 60 years and above and belonging to family living below poverty line as per the criteria prescribed by Government of India. Central assistance of ₹200/- per month is provided to persons in the age group of 60-79 years and ₹500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above.

State/UT-wise details of funds allocated/released and number of beneficiaries benefitted under IGNOAPS during last three years are given in the Statement.