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ANSWERED ON
TRAINING TO SC ST STUDENTS FOR HIGHER STUDIES .

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

- (a) whether Government is giving any training to students who want to pursue higher studies especially for the categories like SC/ST free-of-cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years compared to other States, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds released and spent during the last three years especially in Andhra Pradesh compared to other States, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): According to the information supplied by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the following schemes form components of the Merged Schemes in the Eleventh Plan for which block grants are provided by UGC to universities and colleges:

i) Scheme for establishment of Remedial Coaching classes at undergraduate and postgraduate level for students from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the non-creamy layer and Minorities.

ii) Coaching classes for entry into services for SCs, STs, OBCs (Non-creamy layer) & Minorities.

iii) Coaching for preparation of the National Eligibility Test (NET) for SCs, STs, OBCs (Non-creamy layer) & Minorities.

In addition to the above schemes, UGC is also providing assistance to students directly for pursuit of higher studies through scholarships and fellowships, namely

(i) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidates for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D, funds for which are provided by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,

(ii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST candidates for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D., funds for which are provided by Ministry of Tribal Affairs,

(iii) Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC or ST candidates for pursuing Post-Doctoral Research in their respective thrust areas.

(iv) postgraduate Scholarship for professional courses for SC or ST Candidates for pursuing their postgraduate in professional Courses. However it may be stated that these schemes are scholarship schemes and do not envisage free of cost education for the beneficiary students.

(b) & (c): As the UGC has been unable to provide the required information on the details of students benefitted and the funds released State-wise in respect of the Schemes for the benefit of the SCs and STs, the information will be collected and laid separately on the Table of the House.