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RAJYA SABHA
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FREE COACHING TO SC, ST AND OBC STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the students from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes categories are being provided free coaching facility by Government;
- (b) if so, the region-wise details thereof especially with respect to Madhya Pradesh, and the number of such institutions in Madhya Pradesh at present; and
- (c) whether Government has made any allocation of funds to the States for the implementation of this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) The 'Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching Scheme (FCS) for SC and OBC students' is being implemented for providing financial assistance to economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes and OBC students to help them undertake coaching for competitive examinations. There is no similar specific scheme for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students.

(b) & (c) Under the Free Coaching scheme, selection of students is made centrally on merit basis and funds are released directly by the Department to the beneficiary students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The selected students have the liberty to choose any coaching centre of their choice at any location in India. At present, there is no institute empaneled under the scheme in any location, including in Madhya Pradesh.

As this is a Central Sector scheme implemented directly by the department, there is no provision of state wise allocation of funds under the scheme.
