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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
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FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS

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

- (a) State-wise number of students registered under the Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students launched in May 2022;
- (b) division of students according to their chosen Course/Stream;
- (c) details of the scheme including the location of coaching centres, number of learning hours, etc.;
- (d) whether the Ministry is considering steps to include an online resource material to be shared with the coaching centres, along with a peer-based mentorship programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) Under the Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC, applications were invited in May 2022, through online portal for selection of 3500 students for selection year 2022-23. A total of **50,177** applicants have submitted their applications through the online portal under the scheme.

This scheme is a Central Sector scheme and implemented directly by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment all over India. There is no provision of State wise allocation of slots under the scheme. However, as per the information furnished by the students while submitting online applications under the scheme, State-wise number of students who applied under the scheme are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Under the scheme, the total available slots are 3500 out of which 2100 slots are allotted to the courses for which qualifying exam is graduation (Bachelor's level) and remaining 1400 slots are allotted for the courses for which qualifying exam is Class 12 (intermediate level).

Out of the total received 50,177 applications, 44,934 students have applied in graduate level category and **5,243** students have applied in intermediate level category.

(c) The Scheme of Free Coaching is implemented with the objective to provide coaching of good quality for economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and succeed in obtaining an appropriate job in Public/Private Sector.

Under the scheme, students are selected by the department on merit of marks obtained in class 10th and 12th depending on the course(s) applied for coaching. Scholarship is 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. The details of course wise minimum learning hours prescribed under the scheme are at **Annexure-II**.

(d) to (f) Guidelines of the scheme are published on the online portal for information of the students and institutes. As per the scheme guidelines, course wise duration/fee are fixed. However no online resource material is shared with the coaching centres as the institutes are not empaneled under the scheme. No proposal for peer-based mentorship programme is under consideration in this Ministry.

Annexure-I

State wise number of students who have submitted applications [referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1730] under the Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students for 2022-23:

State	Total Applications
ANDHRA PRADESH	1903
ASSAM	364
BIHAR	3519
CHANDIGARH	37
CHHATTISGARH	1379
DAMAN & DIU	1
DELHI	993
GOA	3
GUJARAT	349
HARYANA	3780
HIMACHAL PRADESH	365
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	267
JHARKHAND	599
KARNATAKA	14166
KERALA	200
MADHYA PRADESH	5457
MAHARASHTRA	3848
MANIPUR	306
MIZORAM	1
ODISHA	1229
PUDUCHERRY	31
PUNJAB	863
RAJASTHAN	1972
Not Mentioned Clearly	301
SIKKIM	4
TAMIL NADU	1551
TELANGANA	660
TRIPURA	104
UTTAR PRADESH	5054
UTTARAKHAND	156
WEST BENGAL	715
Total	50177

Annexure-II

Details of course wise minimum learning hours [referred to in part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1730] under the Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students

S.No.	Course	Minimum* Duration in months
1.	Civil Services Exam by UPSC/SPSCs	9 months (4 months prelim + 5months mains)
2.	SSC/RRB	6months
3.	Banking /Insurance/ PSU/ CLAT	6months
4.	JEE/NEET	9months(not exceeding 12months)
5.	IES	9months(not exceeding 12months)
6.	CAT /CMAT	9months(not exceeding 12months)
7.	GRE/GMAT/SAT/TOFEL	3 months
8.	CA-CPT/ GATE	9months
9.	CPL Courses	6 months
10.	NDA/CDS	3 months

*A minimum physical coaching of 16 hours per week will be mandatory for all the above courses.
