

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3087**  
ANSWERED ON 20/08/2025

**Establishment of Centres for Social Inclusion by UGC**

3087 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the support provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the establishment of Centres for Social Inclusion, including financial and academic assistance;
- (b) the number of such centres currently functioning in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the initiatives under this scheme have been regularly renewed every year but have not been renewed this year, if so, the reasons for non-renewal; and
- (d) the details of other permanent and temporary schemes introduced or implemented by the UGC in the last five years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to the Universities for “Establishment of Centres in Universities for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy”, as per guidelines of the scheme. Currently, 24 such centres are functioning in the country. An amount of Rs.10,94,06,619/- has been released during 2024-25. The state-wise list of these Centres is available at [https://www.ugc.gov.in/Content/upload/Parliamnet/5980135\\_RSPQ-No-3087-Annexure.pdf](https://www.ugc.gov.in/Content/upload/Parliamnet/5980135_RSPQ-No-3087-Annexure.pdf) .

(c) and (d) The scheme has been renamed as “Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion in Universities” and is presently implemented on an annual basis. Further, UGC has rationalized its schemes in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. Currently, 11 schemes are being implemented by UGC, as given below:

1. Establishment of Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion in Universities
2. (a) Equal Opportunity Centre for Colleges/Universities  
(b) Coaching Schemes for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) & Minorities Students for Colleges/Universities
3. Scheme for Persons with Disabilities in Universities and Colleges
4. UGC Fellowships for Doctoral Students
5. UGC Scholarships for Post-Graduate Students
6. UGC Scholarships for Under-Graduate Students

7. Establishment of Chairs in Universities
8. Travel Grant for College Teachers/College Librarians/VCs/Commission Members and UGC Officials
9. Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India
10. Residential Coaching Academy for Minorities, SCs, STs and Women
11. Non-NET Fellowship

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