

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1410
ANSWERED ON – 11/02/2026

STATUS OF REVISED FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR SCs AND OBCs

1410. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE

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

- (a) the total number of Central Universities and institutions that have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation for implementing the revised Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs;
- (b) whether the scheme has been onboarded on the National Scholarship Portal as recommended by the Committee; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay and the timeline fixed for completion of the onboarding process?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) Under the Scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme (FCS), total 19 Central Universities (CUs) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF). The list of these 19 Central Universities is at **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) The Department has requested the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission for onboarding the Scheme on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the matter is presently under active consideration in the DBT Mission.

Annexure

This Annexure referred to in part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no.1410 due for answer on 11/02/2026 regarding "Status of revised Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs"

S.No.	Name of Central University
1.	Allahabad University, Allahabad
2.	Manipur University, Imphal
3.	Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvarur
4.	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
5.	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala
6.	Central University of Kerala, Kasargod
7.	BHU, Varanasi
8.	Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh
9.	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda
10.	Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer
11.	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Vardha
12.	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar
13.	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P.
14.	HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand
15.	Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar Central University (BBAU), Lucknow
16.	Central University of Odisha
17.	Tezpur University, Assam
18.	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh
19.	Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh
