

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2166  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

**FREE COACHING TO SC AND OBC STUDENTS**

**2166. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

- (a) the number of students benefited under the central scheme for free coaching to SC and OBC students across the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of such beneficiaries who have qualified at least one competitive examination as covered under the scheme, including district-wise details for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the latest data relating to the total number of coaching centres empanelled under the scheme; and
- (d) the total funds sanctioned under the scheme to such coaching centres including for Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a) & (b): The 'Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching Scheme (FCS) for SC and OBC students' is implemented across the country, including in the state of Andhra Pradesh, for providing coaching to economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes and OBC students for competitive examinations.

A total of **8761 students** have benefited under the scheme during the last 5 years and as reported by the then empaneled coaching institutions, total 1239 students had succeeded in the competitive examinations covered under the scheme.

Being a Central Sector scheme, State-wise/district-wise data is not maintained.

(c): The scheme was revised in 2022-23. Under the revised guidelines, there is no empanelment of institutes. The students are selected directly by the Department and can undertake coaching in any institute of their own choice. Thus, no institute is empaneled under the scheme now.

(d): Being a Central Sector Scheme, there is no provision of State-wise allocation of Budget. The details of the total expenditure incurred under the scheme is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Expenditure (Rs. in crore)</b>
2017-18	19.84
2018-19	14.87
2019-20	13.26
2020-21	11.96
2021-22	14.98

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