

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3421
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023**

FREE COACHING FOR SCs/OBCs STUDENTS

**3421. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has extended the scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students to the States of Odisha and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated thereunder, Parliament Constituency-wise in Odisha and Rajasthan including district Balasor in Odisha and district Pali in Rajasthan;
- (c) the total number of the SC and OBC students enrolled under coaching for Group A and B Union Public Service Commission's (UPSC) examinations, Group A and B State Public Service Commission's Examinations, JEE, NEET, SAT and GRE Examinations; and
- (d) whether any seats are reserved for female and disabled students belonging to SC and OBC categories, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 for providing coaching for competitive examinations to economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes and OBC students in the country, including in the states of Odisha and Rajasthan.

Being a Central Sector scheme, there is no provision of State wise/district wise funds allocation under the scheme. The details of the total expenditure incurred under the scheme during the last 5 years is as under:

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

(c): A total of 8761 students have benefited under the scheme during the last 5 years for the competitive examinations covered under the scheme including UPSC, SPSC, JEE, NEET, SAT and GRE Examinations etc.

(d): Under the Free Coaching scheme, 30% of the total available seats are reserved for female students. However, there is no reservation of seats for disabled students under the scheme.
