

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR SC/OBC STUDENTS

647. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether the Free Coaching Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) Students started its operation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned/ approved/released/spent under the scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of physical progress made by the scheme in the State; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for which the scheme has not started its operations yet?

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

(a) to (d) The Free Coaching Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment from the year 2023-24 is being run by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) through Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) established in the Central Universities. For this, the Central University has to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the DAF. Presently, 17 Central Universities have signed MoU with DAF to run the Scheme. In the state of Andhra Pradesh there are 03 Central Universities viz. Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Central University of Andhra Pradesh and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. As on date, none of these 03 Central Universities have signed MoU with DAF to run the scheme.
