

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1517
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 20.09.2020**

FREE COACHING FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS

1517. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

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

- (a) the details and the number of beneficiaries under the 'Scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) Students' so far during the last three years and the current year in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the percentage of students from these coaching institutions in Tamil Nadu who were able to qualify or score pass percentage in their respective examinations, year-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to open more coaching institutions for SC and OBC students in rural areas of Tamil Nadu, if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to extend similar scheme to students from Scheduled Tribes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) & (b): This Ministry implements the 'Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students' under which financial assistance is provided for the candidates to undertake coaching for various examinations. Under the Scheme, the Ministry empanels coaching institutes with a prescribed number of slots, to provide coaching to SC and OBC students. The students eligible as per the Scheme guidelines who undergo coaching in these institutes are provided financial assistance for undertaking the course.

Two institutes from the State of Tamil Nadu were empanelled under the Scheme with a total allocation of 200 per year. The year-wise percentage of successful candidates from these coaching institutes coached under the Scheme, as reported by the institutes, is as under-

Percentage of Successful candidates		
2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
15%	2.5%	Not reported

The District wise data of successful students is not maintained.

In the current year, physical coaching classes have not started in view of ongoing pandemic situation.

(c): There is no provision under the Scheme for the department to open any Coaching Institutes for SC and OBC students. However, the Department empanels functional coaching institutes, based on the recommendations of the concerned State Governments. Any institute recommended by the concerned State Government, which fulfils the criteria as mentioned in the Scheme guidelines, may apply for empanelment under the scheme. No proposal for empanelment of additional institutes has been received from Tamil Nadu.

(d): The Scheme of “Coaching for Scheduled Tribes” was implemented up to the 11th Five Year Plan period i.e. from 2007-08 to 2011-12. An evaluation study of the Scheme was conducted which found that the present practice of conducting coaching classes appears to be highly unfocussed as the current methods used for coaching is highly impractical, with very low rate of success. The scheme was not revised subsequent to 11th Five Year Plan and the funding for “Coaching for Scheduled Tribes” has been discontinued since 2014-15.
