

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *49
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021**

FREE COACHING FACILITY TO MINORITY STUDENTS

*49. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing free coaching facilities to the students belonging to minority communities across the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the number of coaching centres where coaching is provided to such students; and
- (c) the amount allocated by the Government to the coaching centres for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *49 FOR ANSWER ON 04.02.2021 REGARDING FREE COACHING FACILITY TO MINORITY STUDENTS BY SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera) for the students / candidates, belonging to the notified minority communities across the country including Bihar. The objective of the Scheme is to assist students / candidates of notified minority communities to qualify in competitive examination for admission in technical / professional courses such as medical, engineering etc, and for recruitment to Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' services and other equivalent posts under Central and State Government and autonomous bodies etc. This scheme is implemented directly by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with 100% Central assistance through empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) / Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) who are registered on the NGO Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog. Currently 44 PIAs have been given allocation for conducting the Class room Coaching Programme and 04 PIAs are conducting Residential Coaching.

The scheme has been revised with effect from September, 2017, and as per the revised scheme, students/candidates belonging to the notified Minority Communities (i.e. Sikh, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Paris and Muslim) having total annual family income from all sources not exceeding Rs.6.00 lakh, are eligible for coaching under the scheme. The scheme also provides for earmarking 30% of the target for girls. The coaching under the scheme is given for preparation of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), Common Admission Test (CAT), Civil Services Examination, Staff Selection Commission Examination, State Public Service Commission Examination, Banking, etc. The expenditure incurred under the Free Coaching and Allied scheme during the financial year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 is Rs. 45.59 crore, Rs.44.61 crore and Rs. 13.97 crore respectively. The budget allocation for the current financial year (2020-21) is Rs.25.00 crore in Revised Estimates.
