

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024**

FREE COACHING FOR SC/OBC STUDENTS

†2513 SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:

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

(a) whether a number of schemes are being implemented by the Government to provide free coaching for preparation of Competitive Examinations to the economically weaker students preparing for IIT and UPSC and they are availing the facility of the said scheme by getting free of cost coaching, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide free of cost quality coaching to the candidates belonging to the deprived Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) so as to enable them to qualify the competitive examinations and get jobs in Public/Private Sector, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the students/candidates belonging to the poor Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) categories under Ramanujan, Balrampur and Surajpur in Sarguja Parliamentary Constituencies are likely to be benefitted by the said scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any such schemes are proposed by the Government, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) and (b): At present, there is no Scheme of the Ministry to provide free coaching for preparation of Competitive Examinations like IIT and UPSC to the students from Economically Weaker Sections.

However, the Ministry is implementing a scheme, 'Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs (FCS)' with an objective to provide quality coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates (having family income less than Rs. 8.00 Lakh per annum) to enable them to prepare for the competitive examinations for employment.

Under the Scheme, 3,500 slots per annum have been earmarked and the ratio of SC and OBC candidates has been fixed at 70:30.

(c) and (d): From 2023-24, the Scheme is being implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) through Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) established in empanelled Central Universities. As on date, 19 Central Universities have signed MoU with DAF. List of these 19 Central Universities is placed at **Annexure**.

Guru Ghasidas Vishvavidhyalaya, Bilaspur, a Central University is located in the region of Ramanujan, Balrampur and Surajpur in Sarguja Parliamentary Constituency (State of Chattisgarh). However, the University has yet to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for becoming a part of the Scheme.

This Annexure referred to in part (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2513 due for answer on 06.08.2024 regarding "Free Coaching Scheme for SC/OBC Students"

S.No.	Name of Central University
1.	Allahabad University, Allahabad
2.	Manipur University, Imphal
3.	Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvapur
4.	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
5.	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala
6.	Central University of Kerala, Kasargod
7.	BHU, Varanasi
8.	Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh
9.	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda
10.	Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer
11.	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Vardha
12.	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar
13.	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P.
14.	HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand
15.	Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar Central University (BBAU), Lucknow
16.	Central University of Odisha
17.	Tezpur University, Assam
18.	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh
19.	Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh
