

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1848  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

**FREE COACHING SCHEME FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS**

**1848. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is running two schemes namely "Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students", and "Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students" in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has implemented this scheme in the Madhya Pradesh especially in the District of Katni, Panna and town of Khajuraho of Khajuraho Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken over the course of schemes to make these more effective and accessible to all needy students; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is running schemes for "Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes", and "Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students"

(b) to (d): From 2023-24, the Scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes 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. In Madhya Pradesh, the Scheme is being implemented through 2 Central Universities namely Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak where the students from District of Katni, Panna and town of Khajuraho of Khajuraho Lok Sabha Constituency are also enrolled.

Under 'Pre-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes', a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Students from District of Katni, Panna and town of Khajuraho of Khajuraho Lok Sabha Constituency are also being covered under the Scheme.

To ensure wider awareness, the Department has taken various steps such as advertisements in National and Regional Newspapers through empanelled Central Universities, running Social Media Campaigns, uploading of Scheme Guidelines on Website of Ministry as well as on the website of empanelled Central Universities, follow up and review with States/UTs for popularizing the Schemes.

**Annexure**

This Annexure referred to in part (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1848 due for answer on 11.03.2025 regarding "Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students"

S.No.	Name of Central University
1.	Allahabad University, Allahabad
2.	Manipur University, Imphal
3.	Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvarur
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

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