

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2610  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025**

**SCHEME FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF DNTs**

**2610. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:**

**ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:**

**SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the implementation of Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details of the review done so far and the outcomes of such reviews;
- (c) the details of the number of distributed Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Cards, Kamgar Kalyan Smart Cards, established coaching centres for competitive examinations and health insurance done under the SEED scheme for DNTs, particularly for Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (d) the details of the names of districts covered under SEED scheme, for such reviews in Maharashtra;
- (e) the details of the data on left out eligible districts or DNTs/NTs families under SEED in Maharashtra; and
- (f) the details of available mechanism for application registration and grievance redressal, specifically for DNTs/NTs?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The department reviews the implementation of the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED) in Maharashtra. The department carries reviews through regular monitoring of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) formation, livelihood activities, health insurance enrollment, and free coaching initiatives. The key outcomes of the review undertaken in Maharashtra are as follows:

(i) 776 SHGs have been formed covering 9,312 beneficiaries.

(ii) 22,952 Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Cards have been issued.

(iii) Free coaching support has been provided to 212 students in 2024-25 and 898 students in 2025-26 at the Class 12th level for various competitive examinations across multiple districts. There is no provision under the SEED scheme for issuance of Kamgar Kalyan Smart Cards or for establishing coaching centres. The health component and Coaching component under the Scheme has been taken up from 2024-25.

(d): The details of districts covered under SEED livelihood and free coaching in Maharashtra is at **Annexure-I**. Under health component of SEED, all the districts are covered in which 22,952 cards have been issued for DNT community beneficiaries.

(e): The scheme currently covers 16 districts of Maharashtra under livelihood component, 30 districts under educational empowerment through free coaching as indicated at **Annexure-I** and 36 districts for issuing Ayushman cards.

(f): Beneficiaries are mobilized for application registration through partner NGOs for Livelihood intervention through SHG formation and Ayushman card issuance for availing health insurance benefits. For free coaching through online portal, a grievance redressal mechanism is available through the CP-GRAM.

**SEED implementation in the State of Maharashtra**

The SEED scheme (for livelihood component) is implemented in 16 districts of Maharashtra:

**Livelihood:**

S. No.	District	SHG formed	SHG Beneficiaries Covered
1.	Aurangabad	50	600
2.	Jalna	50	600
3.	Beed	50	600
4.	Ahmednagar	50	600
5.	Osmanabad	50	600
6.	Parabhani	50	600
7.	Latur	50	600
8.	Solapur	50	600
9.	Pune	33	396
10.	Buldhana	33	396
11.	Hingoli	59	708
12.	Nanded	84	1008
13.	Amravati	51	612
14.	Yavatmal	66	792
15.	Washim	26	312
16.	Wardha	24	288
	<b>16</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>9312</b>

**The SEED scheme (for Free Coaching component) is implemented in 30 districts of Maharashtra:**

**Free Coaching:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>
1.	Ahmednagar	7	18
2.	Akola	-	1
3.	Amravati	-	3
4.	Aurangabad	4	28
5.	Beed	26	119
6.	Buldhana	2	38
7.	Dhule	1	-
8.	Gadchiroli	2	-
9.	Hingoli	-	20
10.	Jalgaon	-	1
11.	Jalna	-	17
12.	Kolhapur	3	110
13.	Latur	-	45
14.	Mumbai City	4	5
15.	Mumbai Suburban	-	8
16.	Nagpur	1	2
17.	Nanded	2	2
18.	Nandurbar	-	3
19.	Nashik	2	5
20.	Osmanabad	1	18
21.	Parbhani	11	12
22.	Pune	9	3
23.	Raigad	44	47
24.	Ratnagiri	2	-
25.	Sangli	60	72
26.	Satara	17	73
27.	Solapur	9	92
28.	Thane	4	65
29.	Washim	-	52
30.	Yavatmal	1	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>898</b>

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