

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2676  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025**

**COACHING TO SC AND OBC STUDENTS**

**2676. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) is providing coaching to SCs and OBCs through the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that not even a single one of the three Central Universities in Andhra Pradesh (Tribal University, Sanskrit University and Central University) has signed an MoU with DAF and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the said three universities are expected to sign the MoU and provide free coaching for SC and OBC students?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Free Coaching Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children is implemented by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. From the year 2023-24 the Scheme is being run by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) through Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) established in the Central Universities. For this, the Central University has to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the DAF. Presently, 19 Central Universities have signed MoU with DAF to run the Scheme. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, there are three (3) Central Universities viz. Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Central University of Andhra Pradesh and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. As on date, out of these three (3) Central Universities, only the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh has signed the MoU with DAF but is yet to start the course. The other two Central Universities have not signed the MoU in spite of requests from the Department.

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