

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.510  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026**

**FREE ONLINE COACHING TO ASPIRANTS OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS**

**510. DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA:**

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

- (a) the details of the collaboration entered into by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for providing free online coaching to aspirants from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes students for Civil, Banking services and other exams in Odisha;
- (b) the number of students covered and the categories of competitive examinations included under this initiative;
- (c) the manner in which eligible candidates are to be selected and supported under the programme; and
- (d) the objectives and expected outcomes of this initiative in promoting inclusive access to quality education and equal opportunity and the future plan in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Department of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Physics Wallah (PW) Foundation for providing free online coaching to 5000 aspirants every year from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and beneficiaries of the PM CARES Children from all over India including the State of Odisha for taking Civil Services Examination, Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Examination and Banking Examination. No such MoU has been signed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs with any Organisation in respect of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students.

(c): The selection of beneficiaries under this initiative which includes free access to structured online courses, including live/recorded classes, test series, previous year papers, study material, mentorship, doubt-solving support and counselling is merit based through a dedicated online portal.

(d): The initiative would provide free online coaching to the beneficiaries so as to enable them to appear in competitive examinations for securing employment.

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