

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1403
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026**

FINANCIAL STRESS AMONG OBC CANDIDATES

**†1403. SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:
SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:
DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE:**

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

- (a) whether the candidates belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) particularly are facing financial stress, limited scholarships, and lack of coaching and facilities in preparing for competitive examinations in the country particularly in the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any new initiative to increase scholarship amount or to provide free coaching for the OBC candidates in the states, if so, the details thereof State-wise including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (d) the funds allocated to the states for the said initiative State-wise including Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu; and
- (e) the time by which the said initiative is likely to be launched?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) & (b): The Department implements the following Schemes for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) related to the scholarships and coaching across the country including the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs & others;
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs & others;
- iii. Top Class Education in Schools for OBCs & others;
- iv. Top Class Education in Colleges for OBCs & others; and
- v. Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children scheme

Under Pre-Matric and Post-Matric OBC Scholarship Schemes mentioned above, the fund is disbursed to the States/ UTs based on Notional Allocation.

Under the Top Class Education in Schools, Top Class Education in Colleges, and Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children scheme, the fund is directly released to the beneficiary through Aadhaar based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode as per the rates under the respective Schemes.

Central Sector Scheme of Free coaching for aspirational SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM CARES Children Scheme to provide quality coaching for preparation of competitive examinations for obtaining employment in Government/Private Sector and admission to reputed technical and professional higher educational institutions. The Scheme is implemented through Dr. Ambedkar Centres of Excellence (DACE) established in 19 empanelled Central Universities earmarking 100 seats to each Central University. Out of these, Mahatma Gandhi Hindi Antarrashtriya Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha is located in Maharashtra, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak and Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar are located in Madhya Pradesh. No empanelled Central University under the Scheme is located in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

(c), (d) & (e): The revision of Schemes including the scholarship/ coaching rates is done in consultation with all the concerned stakeholders.
