GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2025

NATIONAL CAREER CENTRES FOR SCs/STs IN TAMIL NADU

1257. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of National Career Service Centres (NCSCs) for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) functioning in Tamil Nadu at present;
(b) the details of the total number of SCs/STs candidates received counselling, coaching, or training through these centres during the Financial Years 2022–23 and 2023–24;
(c) whether there are any targeted initiatives under these centres for the Scheduled Tribe communities in hilly or tribal areas of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the details of the number of job seekers registered, trained and placed its jobs through these centres in Tamil Nadu, category-wise; and
(e) whether the Government has any plans to expand or upgrade these centres in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing the "Welfare of SC/ST jobseekers" Scheme. The objective of the scheme is to enhance the employability of SC/ST jobseekers through vocational guidance, career counselling, computer training, pre-recruitment training etc. Till date, 25 National Career Service Centres for SC/ST (including one Centre at Chennai in Tamil Nadu) have been opened as per the request of State/ UT and are functional.

(b) These 25 centres have provided career counselling/ vocational guidance/ typing & shorthand training to more than 2.53 lakh and 2.58 lakh SC/ST candidates during the years 2022–23 and 2023–24, respectively. Further, to enhance the employability of SC/ST candidates, these centres provided training to 4,560 SC/ST candidates under Special Coaching Scheme and computer training to 9,804 candidates during the years 2022-23 and 2023-24.

(c) The targets for Chennai centre are given at Annexure I.

(d) The achievements of Chennai Centre are given at Annexure I.

Under the scheme, providing placement is not mandatory, however, efforts are made to place the SC/ST candidates by organizing job fairs. Offer of appointment has been given to 2,242 SC/ST candidates in the period of 2022–24, during the job fairs organized by Chennai centre in collaboration with State Govt./NGOs, etc.

(e) The scheme envisaged opening of these Centres as Model institutes to enhance the employability of SC/ST jobseekers through guidance/ coaching/ training in States/UTs on their request. The State /UT Govt. are at liberty to open similar Centres in the States/UTs from their own resources depending on their requirement.

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Annexure-I

Annexed referred to in reply to part (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1257 due for reply on 28.07.2025

The details of targets and achievement for Chennai Centre are given in table below:

Sl.no.	Courses	2022-23		2023-24	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	Career Counselling and Vocational Guidance including Typewriting and Shorthand training	9200	11,122	11,850	12,663
2	Special Coaching Scheme	100	100	80	80
3	Computer Training	300	300	165	165