

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
FEMALE LITERACY .

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Smt. Mohsina Kidwai

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has made substantial changes in the definition of literacy with specific focus on achieving 80 per cent literacy target for women by the end of Eleventh Plan period;
- (b) if so, whether State Government have been given directions to focus on female literacy and achieve targets; and
- (c) if so, the details of other assistance the Central Government proposes to provide to State Governments where female literacy is very low? ANSWER

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MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239 FOR 4.12.2009 ASKED BY SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI AND SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA REGARDING FEMALE LITERACY

(a): While the definition of literacy has not been changed, the Saakshar Bharat scheme does focus on women's literacy, especially in rural areas. 80% overall literacy is targeted by the end of the 11th Plan period.

(b): The States/UT Governments have been informed that under Saakshar Bharat 70 million non-literates are to be made literate, of which 60 million will be women.

(c): The programme cost of Saakshar Bharat will be shared between the Govt. of India and the State/UT Governments in the ratio of 75:25 except the States of the North Eastern Region (NER) where the sharing will be in the ratio of 90:10.