

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 27.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SAKSHAR BHARAT PROGRAMME .**

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

- (a) whether Government has recently launched a new adult literacy programme named 'Sakshar Bharat' to achieve higher level of literacy in the country;
- (b) if so, the funds proposed to be allocated towards this programme, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to bring in teachers for this project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As per approved guidelines of the scheme, only such districts that have adult female literacy rate of 50% or less as per 2001 Census are eligible for coverage under the programme and they will be allocated funds as per approved financial norms subject to budgetary allocations and guidelines laid down by National Literacy Mission Authority.
- (c) 'Saakshar Bharat' envisages effective link with the school education system so that teachers who can provide academic support at the village level are enlisted as collaborating partners to complement the panchayats. Teachers would motivate non-literate parents to enroll as learners, and motivate educated youth in the village to volunteer as teachers for the campaign. The most important function that they can perform would be that of evaluation and assessment of the learners.