

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

**SAAKSHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN**

3845. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Saakshar Bharat Abhiyan has failed to achieve its mission of achieving 80 per cent literacy level and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) State/UT/gender-wise number of non-literate adults over 15 years imparted with functional literacy during the last five years;
- (c) whether districts with high adult illiteracy have been identified and if so, steps taken for the same;
- (d) whether the Padhna Likhna Abhiyan has been operationalised and if so, details of financial disbursements and utilisations thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to meet 100 per cent literacy target by 2030, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e) In order to improve the literacy rate among adults, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education namely Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 404 districts in 26 States and one UT, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 percent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. The target was to raise the overall literacy rate of the country to 80 per cent and reduce gender gap to 10 percentage point by end of XII five year plan by imparting basic literacy to 7 crore adult

non-literates. During the implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, against the overall target of making 7 crore adult non-literates as literates, around 7.64 crore learners, having passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018, were certified as literates. A statement indicating State/UT/gender-wise learners declared successful in the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling between August, 2010 to March, 2018 under Saakshar Bharat Programme is at **Annexure-I**. A statement indicating list of 404 districts, covered under Saakshar Bharat Programme, where adult female literacy rate was 50 percent and below as per Census 2001 is at **Annexure-II**.

Further, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” has been implemented in rural and urban areas of 33 states/ UTs during the financial years 2020-22, with a target of making 48.16 lakh adult non-literates as literates. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released under the Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan is at **Annexure-III**.

Government of India has recently approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” with the aim to support the States and Union Territories in promoting literacy among non-literates in the age group of 15 and above, across the country covering 5 crore non-literates during the implementation period from 2022-27. The scheme has been approved with a financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore including Central share of Rs.700.00 crore and State share of Rs.337.90 crore.

In order to achieve universal literacy, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education, throughout the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from Financial Year 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It envisages the ‘school’ as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The States/UTs are assisted by the central government to implement the Samagra Shiksha as a programme for providing universal access and retention, bridging the gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning level of children at all levels of school education.

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**Annexure-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845 FOR 06.04.2022 ASKED BY PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA AND SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN, HON'BLE MPs REGARDING "SAAKSHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN".**

**State/UT/gender-wise learners declared successful in the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling between August, 2010 to March, 2018 under Saakshar Bharat Mission**

S.No	State	Successful		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,075,971	4,227,170	5,303,140
2	Telangana	1,031,055	3,695,367	4,726,423
3	Arunachal Pradesh	56,666	95,361	152,027
4	Assam	221,536	490,472	712,008
5	Bihar	2,723,834	12,699,622	15,423,456
6	Chhattisgarh	1,156,118	2,112,797	3,268,915
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7,495	10,838	18,333
8	Gujarat	441,734	691,369	1,133,103
9	Haryana	251,657	529,561	781,218
10	Himachal Pradesh	19,727	48,511	68,238
11	Jammu & Kashmir	192,559	285,521	478,080
12	Jharkhand	1,550,369	2,594,146	4,144,515
13	Karnataka	1,832,511	3,571,163	5,403,674
14	Madhya Pradesh	1,541,619	2,284,945	3,826,564
15	Maharashtra	298,229	445,986	744,215
16	Manipur	11,612	105,802	117,414
17	Meghalaya	21,112	28,521	49,633
18	Nagaland	56,387	71,646	128,033
19	Odisha	586,347	734,983	1,321,330
20	Punjab	11,822	18,751	30,573
21	Rajasthan	2,481,042	5,873,485	8,354,527
22	Sikkim	4,345	13,340	17,685
23	Tamil Nadu	802,738	1,699,552	2,502,290
24	Tripura	18,314	29,064	47,378
25	Uttar Pradesh	4,495,922	7,675,869	12,171,791
26	Uttarakhand	125,891	370,878	496,769
27	West Bengal	1,595,596	3,355,065	4,950,661
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,612,208</b>	<b>53,759,785</b>	<b>76,371,993</b>

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**Annexure-II**

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**State-wise list of 404 districts selected for Saakshar Bharat Mission in the country**

<b>ANDHRA PRADESH - 10</b>			
1. Kurnool	2. Prakasam	3. Guntur	4. Chittoor
5. Anantapur	6. Nellore	7. Srikakulam	8. Cuddapah
9. Vizianagaram	10. Visakhapatnam		
<b>TELANGANA - 9</b>			
11. Adilabad	12. Karimnagar	13. Khammam	14. Mahbubnagar
15. Medak	16. Nalgonda	17. Nizamabad	18. Rangareddi
19. Warangal			
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH - 15</b>			
20. East Kameng	21. Upper Subansiri	22. West Kameng	23. Kurung Kumey
24. Tawang	25. Upper Siang	26. Dibang Valley	27. Anjaw
28. Tirap	29. Changlang	30. West Siang	31. Upper Dibang Valley
32. Lower Subansiri	33. Lohit	34. East Siang	
<b>ASSAM - 12</b>			
35. Dhubri	36. Barpeta	37. Hailakandi	38. Karbi Anglong
39. Kokrajhar	40. Sonitpur	41. Goalpara	42. Marigaon
43. Darrang	44. Bongaigaon	45. Tinsukia	46. Dhemaji
<b>BIHAR - 38</b>			
47. Kishanganj	48. Jamui	49. Sheikhpura	50. Nalanda
51. Supaul	52. Madhubani	53. Saran	54. Bhagalpur
55. Araria	56. Saharsa	57. Siwan	58. Bhojpur
59. Madhepura	60. Banka	61. Vaishali	62. Aurangabad
63. Sheohar	64. Gopalganj	65. Muzaffarpur	66. Rohtas
67. Purbi Champaran	68. Khagaria	69. Gaya	70. Munger
71. Purnia	72. Darbhanga	73. Begusarai	74. Patna
75. Pashchim Champaran	76. Samastipur	77. Kaimur (Bhabua)	78. Arwal
79. Katihar	80. Nawada	81. Jehanabad	
82. Sitamarhi	83. Lakhisarai	84. Buxar	
<b>CHHATTISGARH - 16</b>			
85. Dantewada	86. Korba	87. Jashpur	88. Narayanpur
89. Bastar	90. Janjgir - Champa	91. Mahasamund	92. Bijapur
93. Kawardha	94. Bilaspur	95. Raipur	96. Kanker
97. Surguja	98. Koriya	99. Raigarh	100. Rajnandgaon

<b>GUJARAT - 13</b>			
101. Dahod	102. Narmada	103. SabarKantha	104. Jamnagar
105. BanasKantha	106. Patan	107. Bhavnagar	108. The Dangs
109. Panch Mahals	110. Surendranagar	111. Amreli	112. Junagadh
113. Kachchh			
<b>HARYANA - 12</b>			
114. Kaithal	115. Hisar	116. Gurgaon	117. Karnal
118. Jind	119. Sirsa	120. Mahendragarh	121. Mewat
122. Fatehabad	123. Bhiwani	124. Faridabad	125. Palwal
<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH - 01</b>			
126. Chamba			
<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR - 20</b>			
127. Kupwara	128. Pulwama	129. Srinagar	130. Kishtwar
131. Badgam	132. Punch	133. Leh (Ladakh)	134. Kulgam
135. Doda	136. Kargil	137. Kathua	138. Shopian
139. Baramula	140. Udhampur	141. Reasi	142. Ganderbal
143. Anantnag	144. Rajauri	145. Ramban	146. Bandipora
<b>JHARKHAND - 20</b>			
147. Pakaur	148. Palamu	149. Hazaribag	150. Latehar
151. Garhwa	152. Kodarma	153. Gumla	154. Chatra
155. Giridih	156. Dumka	157. Bokaro	158. Lohardaga
159. Sahibganj	160. Deoghar	161. Ranchi	162. East Singhbhum
163. Godda	164. Pashchimi Singhbhum	165. Dhanbad	166. Ramgarh
<b>KARNATAKA - 20</b>			
167. Raichur	168. Bagalkot	169. Gadag	170. Tumkur
171. Gulbarga	172. Bellary	173. Belgaum	174. Haveri
175. Koppal	176. Bidar	177. Chitradurga	178. Chikaballapur
179. Chamarajanagar	180. Mandya	181. Bangalore Rural	182. Ramanagara
183. Bijapur	184. Kolar	185. Mysore	186. Yadgir
<b>MADHYA PRADESH - 42</b>			
187. Sheopur	188. Umaria	189. Satna	190. Datia
191. Jhabua	192. Shahdol	193. Neemuch	194. Balaghat
195. Sidhi	196. Guna	197. East Nimar	198. Ratlam
199. Barwani	200. Dewas	201. Seoni	202. Gwalior
203. Rajgarh	204. Damoh	205. West Nimar	206. Harda
207. Chhatarpur	208. Rewa	209. Bhind	210. Ashoknagar
211. Dindori	212. Mandla	213. Sagar	214. Alirajpur
215. Tikamgarh	216. Sehore	217. Chhindwara	218. Burhanpur
219. Shivpuri	220. Vidisha	221. Mandsaur	222. Singrauli
223. Dhar	224. Katni	225. Betul	226. Anuppur
227. Morena	228. Panna		

<b>MAHARASHTRA - 10</b>			
229. Nandurbar	230. Hingoli	231. Nanded	232. Gondiya
233. Jalna	234. Parbhani	235. Osmanabad	236. Latur
237. Gadchiroli	238. Bid		
<b>MANIPUR - 04</b>			
239. Chandel	240. Thoubal	241. Senapati	242. Tamenglong
<b>MEGHALAYA - 02</b>			
243. West Garo Hills	244. South Garo Hills		
<b>NAGALAND - 04</b>			
245. Mon	246. Tuensang	247. Kiphire	248. Longleng
<b>ORISSA - 19</b>			
249. Nabarangapur	250. Gajapati	251. Balangir	252. Bargarh
253. Malkangiri	254. Kalahandi	255. Sonapur	256. Sundargarh
257. Nuapada	258. Kandhamal	259. Kendujhar	260. Sambalpur
261. Rayagada	262. Baudh	263. Ganjam	264. Anugul
265. Koraput	266. Mayurbhanj	267. Debagarh	
<b>PUNJAB - 06</b>			
268. Mansa	269. Firozpur	270. Bathinda	271. Faridkot
272. Muktsar	273. Sangrur		
<b>RAJASTHAN - 32</b>			
274. Jalor	275. Rajsamand	276. Jhalawar	277. Hanumangarh
278. Banswara	279. Chittaurgarh	280. Jodhpur	281. Ajmer
282. Dungarpur	283. Bundi	284. Bharatpur	285. Ganganagar
286. Tonk	287. Sirohi	288. Alwar	289. Churu
290. Jaisalmer	291. Nagaur	292. Karauli	293. Sikar
294. Sawai Madhopur	295. Dausa	296. Barmer	297. Jaipur
298. Bhilwara	299. Baran	300. Bikaner	301. Jhunjhunun
302. Pali	303. Dhaulpur	304. Udaipur	305. Pratapgarh
<b>SIKKIM - 02</b>			
306. West Sikkim	307. North Sikkim		
<b>TAMIL NADU - 09</b>			
308. Dharmapuri	309. Perambalur	310. Erode	311. Viluppuram
312. Ariyalur	313. Tiruvannamalai	314. Salem	315. Kushnagiri
316. Tirupur			
<b>TRIPURA - 01</b>			
317. Dhalai			
<b>UTTAR PRADESH - 70</b>			
318. Shrawasti	319. Moradabad	320. Faizabad	321. Baghpat
322. Balrampur	323. Banda	324. Deoria	325. Jalaun
326. Bahraich	327. Mahoba	328. Azamgarh	329. Farrukhabad

330. Budaun	331. Kheri	332. Ghazipur	333. Chitrakoot
334. Siddharthnagar	335. Basti	336. Jaunpur	337. Agra
338. Maharajganj	339. Hardoi	340. Bulandshahr	341. Kannauj
342. Kaushambi	343. Shahjahanpur	344. Mathura	345. Saharanpur
346. Gonda	347. Sant Ravidas Nagar	348. Gorakhpur	349. Jhansi
350. Kushinagar	351. Bareilly	352. Chandauli	353. Firozabad
354. Rampur	355. Hamirpur	356. Ballia	357. Mainpuri
358. Lalitpur	359. Mirzapur	360. Ambedkar Nagar	361. Varanasi
362. Jyotiba Phule Nagar	363. Rae Bareli	364. Aligarh	365. Kanpur Dehat
366. Sant Kabir Nagar	367. Pratapgarh	368. Hathras	369. Gautam Buddha Nagar
370. Pilibhit	371. Sultanpur	372. Bijnor	373. Meerut
374. Sitapur	375. Etah	376. Mau	377. Etawah
378. Barabanki	379. Fatehpur	380. Allahabad	381. Kanshiram Nagar
382. Sonbhadra	383. Unnao	384. Muzaffarnagar	385. Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Nagar
386. Hapur	387. Samli		
<b>UTTARAKHAND – 06</b>			
388. Uttarkashi	389. Champawat	390. Udham Singh Nagar	391. Tehri Garhwal
392. Hardwar	393. Bageshwar		
<b>WEST BENGAL - 10</b>			
394. Puruliya	395. Murshidabad	396. Birbhum	397. Koch Bihar
398. Uttar Dinajpur	399. Bankura	400. Dakshin Dinajpur	401. West Midnapur
402. Maldah	403. Jalpaiguri		
<b>DADRA &amp; NAGAR HAVELI - 01</b>			
404. Dadra & Nagar Haveli			

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**Annexure-III**

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**State/UT-wise details of central share released under Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan**

(Rs. in lakh)		
S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Total Amount Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	444.60
2	Arunachal Pradesh	113.38
3	Assam	326.25
4	Bihar	578.00
5	Chattisgarh	351.00
6	Gujarat	217.80
7	Haryana	150.60
8	Himachal Pradesh	225.90
9	Jharkhand	284.00
10	Karnataka	444.60
11	Kerala	284.23
12	Madhya Pradesh	445.00
13	Manipur	113.40
14	Meghalaya	113.40
15	Mizoram	85.49
16	Nagaland	113.40
17	Odisha	284.00
18	Punjab	70.20
19	Rajasthan	578.28
20	Sikkim	45.90
21	Tamil Nadu	431.40
22	Telangana	310.80
23	Tripura	113.40
24	Uttar Pradesh	578.00
25	Uttarakhand	426.00
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	94.50
27	Chandigarh	95.00
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	116.50
29	Jammu & Kashmir	105.30
30	Lakshadweep	32.06
31	Ladakh	51.00
32	NCT of Delhi	43.80
33	Puducherry	75.57
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,742.76</b>

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