

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME

1156. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced the New India Literacy Programme and if so, the details thereof alongwith the aims and objective thereof;
- (b) the steps taken for effective implementation of the programme in all the States;
- (c) whether extensive publicity of Adult Literacy Programme has been carried out across all rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/utilized for the said scheme during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken to encourage adults to join the literacy campaign?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has announced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, “New India Literacy Programme” with financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore (Central share: Rs.700.00 crore and State share: Rs.337.90 crore) for five years, that is from 2022-23 to 2026-27. The scheme aims to cover a target of 5.00 crore learners during five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) under Foundational Literacy and Numeracy component. The scheme has five objectives: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Vocational Skills Development, (iv) Basic Education and (v) Continuing Education.

(b) The steps taken for effective implementation of the programme in all States/UTs are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) All States/UTs have been sensitized through communication dated 11th March, 2022 alongwith a roadmap for implementation of the scheme for conducting, among others, environment building activities by the involvement and use of social media platforms including Print/Electronic/Folk Media and Interpersonal Media to reach across the country including all rural areas and to create an atmosphere so as to motivate and spur potential literacy volunteers and learners and also to adopt multiple strategies, keeping in view the local conditions, with active participation of community leaders, PRI functionaries, Mahila Mandals, Civil Society Organisation and educational institutions.

(d) As the scheme has commenced from the financial year 2022-23, therefore, the funds allocated/utilized for the said scheme during the last three years are not applicable. However, the funds allocated to States/UTs for the said scheme during the current year (2022-23) is at **Annexure-II**.

(e) Various steps have been taken under the scheme to encourage adults to join the literacy campaign such as:

(i) Implementation of the scheme through Online Teaching Learning Assessment System (OTLAS).

(ii) Material and resources through digital modes, namely, Television, Radio, Cell Phone based free/open source Apps/Portal.

(iii) Adult Education vertical has been created on DIKSHA portal containing a number of awareness videos and e-contents for wider use by adult learners, volunteers and stakeholders.

(iv) Foundational literacy and numeracy for learners of 15 years of above age group through Critical Life Skills containing, among others, financial literacy, digital literacy, legal literacy, disaster management, commercial skills, healthcare & awareness, childcare & education, family welfare, etc.

(v) Basic Education for learners of 15 years of above age group; this component includes preparatory (class III to V), middle (class VI to VIII) and secondary stage (class IX to XII) equivalency for 1.00 lakh learners.

(vi) Vocational Skills Development for learners of 15 years of above age group, as part of the continuous learning process for adult neo-literates, with a view towards obtaining local employment, re-skilling and up-skilling, through convergence with concerned Ministries/Departments.

(vii) Continuing Education for learners of 15 years of above age group, which includes engaging holistic adult education courses in arts, sciences, technology, culture, sports, recreation as well as other topic of interest or used to local learners, through convergence with concerned Ministries/Departments.

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The following important steps have been taken for effective implementation of the programme in all States/UTs:

- School is the unit for implementation of the scheme. Schools are used for conducting survey of beneficiaries and Volunteer Teachers (VTs).
- The scheme involves participation of school students. School students, not having any non-literates in their family, are encouraged to handhold the non-literates in their neighbourhood. Besides, teachers of Government/aided/private schools, students from Teacher Education/Higher Education Institutions, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) are involved as volunteers.
- Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System (OTLAS) has been developed.
- Implementation of the scheme is through volunteerism via online mode in both rural and urban areas in all State/UTs in the country.
- There is provision of material and resources to registered volunteers through easily accessible digital modes.
- Development of curriculum framework for Adult Education by a dedicated constituent body, namely, National Centre for Literacy (NCL) under National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- There is State Centre for Literacy (SCL) housed in respective SCERTs to provide technical, academic and resource support to States.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1156 FOR 27.07.2022 ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK, HONOURABLE MP REGARDING “NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME”.

The funds allocated to States/UTs for New India Literacy Programme during the current year (2022-23)

S. No.	Name of State/UT	(Amount in Rupees)		
		Total	Central Share	State Share
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	52,72,423	52,72,423	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	8,54,47,700	5,12,68,620	3,41,79,080
3	Arunachal Pradesh	95,87,188	86,28,469	9,58,719
4	Assam	13,64,31,360	12,27,88,224	1,36,43,136
5	Bihar	18,95,97,200	11,37,58,320	7,58,38,880
6	Chandigarh	82,18,366	82,18,366	0
7	Chhattisgarh	3,98,20,300	2,38,92,180	1,59,28,120
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli And Daman & Diu	69,09,058	69,09,058	0
9	Goa	45,08,660	27,05,196	18,03,464
10	Gujarat	8,44,55,800	5,06,73,480	3,37,82,320
11	Haryana	3,78,36,500	2,27,01,900	1,51,34,600
12	Himachal Pradesh	2,07,75,820	1,86,98,238	20,77,582
13	Jammu & Kashmir	4,97,39,300	4,47,65,370	49,73,930
14	Jharkhand	5,96,58,300	3,57,94,980	2,38,63,320
15	Karnataka	9,87,39,160	5,92,43,496	3,94,95,664
16	Kerala	1,99,82,300	1,19,89,380	79,92,920
17	Ladakh	1,50,22,800	1,50,22,800	0
18	Lakshadweep	33,18,380	33,18,380	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	10,92,53,300	6,55,51,980	4,37,01,320
20	Maharashtra	12,61,15,600	7,56,69,360	5,04,46,240
21	Manipur	1,22,05,804	1,09,85,224	12,20,580
22	Meghalaya	1,32,37,380	1,19,13,642	13,23,738
23	Mizoram	43,69,794	39,32,815	4,36,979
24	Nagaland	1,21,46,290	1,09,31,661	12,14,629
25	NCT of Delhi	1,62,13,080	97,27,848	64,85,232
26	Odisha	7,15,61,100	4,29,36,660	2,86,24,440
27	Puducherry	41,11,900	24,67,140	16,44,760
28	Punjab	4,27,96,000	2,56,77,600	1,71,18,400
29	Rajasthan	11,22,29,000	6,73,37,400	4,48,91,600
30	Sikkim	55,99,750	50,39,775	5,59,975
31	Tamil Nadu	9,83,42,400	5,90,05,440	3,93,36,960
32	Telangana	8,54,47,700	5,12,68,620	3,41,79,080
33	Tripura	1,60,14,700	1,44,13,230	16,01,470
34	Uttar Pradesh	34,03,66,000	20,42,19,600	13,61,46,400
35	Uttarakhand	3,00,99,680	2,70,89,712	30,09,968
36	West Bengal	11,42,12,800	6,85,27,680	4,56,85,120
	Total	208,96,42,893	136,23,44,266	72,72,98,627
