

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1141**  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

**SAAKSHAR BHARAT MISSION**

1141. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recorded and assessed the latest data from the outcomes of Saakshar Bharat Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : The Saakshar Bharat Mission was implemented from October, 2009 in the rural areas of 410 districts of 27 States/ UT in the country. 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. The Scheme was extended upto 31.03.2018. During the implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, against the overall target of making 7.00 crore adult non-literates as literates, around 7.64 crore learners were certified as literates based on the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018.

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