

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

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 997**

ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

**DECREASE IN RURAL LITERACY RATE**

**997. Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of increase/decrease in rural literacy rate during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government's initiatives contributed in increase in rural literacy rate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is a gender gap in rural literacy during the last five years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The Government has introduced literacy programme in 2022-23 as New India Literacy Programme (NILP) also popularly known as ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, is being implemented from the F.Y. 2022-23 to 2026-27. The States/UTs implementing the scheme conduct surveys on hybrid mode to identify non-literates (beneficiary) and Volunteer Teachers (VTs) in the State/UTs. The Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) is conducted under the ULLAS scheme to assess basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills alongwith financial, digital and critical life skills of the non-literates, and then certifying them as "neo-literates" upon passing the assessment test by the NIOS. The schemes has been adopted and implemented by the States/UTs which has contributed in the increased rate of literacy especially in rural literacy. Annexure I is enclosed herewith which indicates increase/decrease in rural literacy rate state-wise and year-wise as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Data.

(d) Annexure II indicates state-wise and year-wise information on gender gap in rural literacy which has reduced during the last 5 years as per Period Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Data.

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## ANNEXURE-I

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.997 FOR 04.12.2024 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING DECREASE IN RURAL LITERACY RATE.**

Year wise/State wise Rural Literacy Rate of India						
Sl. No.	State \ UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Andhra Pradesh	63.2	64.4	68.5	67.6	67.5
2	Arunachal Pradesh	81.9	83.6	78.4	82.8	82.9
3	Assam	87	88.5	87.2	76.8	86.2
4	Bihar	71	73.2	73.3	73.7	73.3
5	Chhattisgarh	76.1	75.3	77	76.2	76.6
6	Delhi	93.1	92.2	95.9	88.8	84.8
7	Goa	87.9	90.3	90.8	94.2	92.8
8	Gujarat	80.3	80	78.7	81.1	79.6
9	Haryana	75.5	78.3	79.1	80.1	81.3
10	Himachal Pradesh	85.8	86.8	86.2	87.7	88.1
11	Jharkhand	69.3	69.9	73.3	77.4	74.3
12	Karnataka	74.4	75.9	75.1	75.3	78.1
13	Kerala	92.9	93.3	93.3	93.3	94.2
14	Madhya Pradesh	72.3	70.9	72.9	72.6	71.6
15	Maharashtra	78.5	80.1	82.1	83	83.2
16	Manipur	87.6	88.8	88.8	89.5	90.9
17	Meghalava	91.7	94.7	94.9	94.6	93.6
18	Mizoram	99.8	97.8	99.5	99.1	98.1
19	Nagaland	95.6	96.6	94.7	94.6	95
20	Odisha	73.6	75.5	75.8	77.7	76.9
21	Punjab	76.4	79.2	79.4	81	81.1
22	Rajasthan	67	69.4	68.3	69.6	72.5
23	Sikkim	83.5	85.3	83.7	85.1	82.2
24	Tamil Nadu	79	80.2	81.4	82.7	81.2
25	Telangana	62.3	67.2	66.7	72.6	69.9
26	Tripura	91.1	90.1	90.6	92.6	92.8
27	Uttarakhand	79.3	80.8	85.5	84.9	82.2
28	Uttar Pradesh	71.2	72	72.7	74.9	76.5
29	West Bengal	78.1	80.1	81.4	80.7	80.3
30	Andaman & N Island	84	90.5	91.9	91.2	90.6
31	Chandigarh	93	81	82.3	92.4	
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	68.7	74.9	76.1	81.3	75.8
33	Daman & Diu	77.4				
34	Jammu & Kashmir	76.9	79	77.5	77	81.4
35	Ladakh	67.7	77.8	82.7	77.8	79.8
36	Lakshadweep	99.4	99	98.3	100	99.5
37	Puducherry	85	89	89.4	84.4	90.2
	<b>all India</b>	74.3	75.6	76.3	77	77.5

\*For the year 2023-24 Chandigarh entire area has been considered as urban for the survey

**Source of Data - Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation**

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## Annexure-II

### STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.997 FOR 04.12.2024 ASKED BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING DECREASE IN RURAL LITERACY RATE.

<b>Year wise/State wise Gender Gap in Rural Literacy</b>											
Sl. No.	State \ UT	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Male literacy rate	Female literacy rate	Male literacy rate	Female literacy rate	Male literacy rate	Female literacy rate	Male literacy rate	Female literacy rate	Male literacy rate	Female literacy rate
1	Andhra Pradesh	70.5	56	70.4	58.6	73.9	63.3	74.9	60.5	74.4	60.9
2	Arunachal Pradesh	86.6	76.6	88.4	78.1	82.7	73.9	86.6	78.9	86.7	78.7
3	Assam	89.8	84.1	91.4	85.4	91.3	82.8	77.8	75.7	89.7	82.7
4	Bihar	79.8	61.6	81.2	64.1	82.6	63.4	82	64.8	81.5	65
5	Chhattisgarh	84.3	67.7	82.5	67.9	84.2	69.9	83	69	85	68.2
6	Delhi	98.5	86.8	93.8	90.1	96.3	95.4	97	79.8	87.8	80.2
7	Goa	92.5	83.8	95.7	84.1	95.1	86.5	97.6	91.1	97.2	88.2
8	Gujarat	89.1	71	89.9	69.5	86.2	70.7	89.2	72.7	88.2	70.5
9	Haryana	84.2	66.1	86.6	69	87.4	69.7	89.7	70	89.2	72.5
10	Himachal Pradesh	92.6	79.4	93.9	79.9	92.6	80.2	94.2	81.3	94.3	82.1
11	Jharkhand	78.7	60.1	79.7	59.9	81.5	65.2	84.7	70.3	80.7	68
12	Karnataka	81.9	66.8	83	68.9	81.2	68.9	82.5	68	84.3	71.9
13	Kerala	95	91	95.2	91.6	94.7	92	95.5	91.4	96.1	92.6
14	Madhya Pradesh	81.8	62.4	80.8	60.5	81.2	64.2	81.5	62.9	80	62.6
15	Maharashtra	86.2	70.4	87.7	72.1	89.4	74.4	89.5	76.2	90.2	76
16	Manipur	92	83.1	93	84.4	91.8	85.6	93.3	85.7	93.5	88.3
17	Meghalava	90.9	92.4	95.2	94.3	95.7	94.1	95.3	93.8	94.5	92.7
18	Mizoram	99.9	99.8	97.6	98	99.4	99.6	99.5	98.7	99.3	96.7
19	Nagaland	96.7	94.3	98.1	94.9	96.4	93.1	95.4	93.7	96.8	93.1
20	Odisha	80.6	66.7	81.6	69.4	81.4	70.1	83.7	71.7	83.2	71
21	Punjab	80.9	71.4	83	75.5	83.7	74.7	85.4	76.4	85.2	77.1
22	Rajasthan	78.7	55	80.4	58	79.9	56.7	81.2	57.9	83.6	61.8
23	Sikkim	87.3	79	88.6	81.8	86.3	80.8	89.1	80.7	87.5	76.4
24	Tamil Nadu	85	73.1	86.3	74.4	86.8	76.2	87.5	78	86.7	75.8
25	Telangana	69.7	55.4	75	59.2	74	59.2	79.3	65.9	79.3	61.1
26	Tripura	94.4	87.8	92.5	87.5	93.3	87.8	94.9	90.1	95.2	90.3
27	Uttarakhand	88.2	70.1	88.8	72.6	93	77.7	91.7	78.4	89.6	74.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	80.3	61.9	81.8	61.9	81.3	64	83.1	66.8	85	68
29	West Bengal	83.3	72.6	84.7	75.7	85.1	77.6	84.3	77.2	83.8	76.8
30	A & N Island	88.7	78.6	92.9	88.2	93.7	90.1	93.7	88.6	95.2	85.6
31	Chandigarh	97.6	86.6	90.2	73	93.5	70	99.1	85.1		
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	84.7	49.8	85.4	61.7	87.2	63.5	90.2	71.8	87.1	68.4
33	Daman & Diu	76.9	78								
34	Jammu & Kashmir	86.9	66	87.2	70.5	85.5	68.8	85	68.8	89.5	72.7
35	Ladakh	80.8	51.3	81.9	72.5	90.9	74.5	87.2	67.2	87.1	71.6
36	Lakshadweep	99	100	99.4	98.7	99.2	97.5	100	100	100	98.9
37	Puducherry	91.1	78.8	91.9	86.6	93	86.1	91.3	77.9	95.7	84.2
	<b>all India</b>	82.2	66.3	83.2	67.7	83.5	68.9	83.6	70.3	84.7	70.4

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