

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

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1949

ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026

Educational infrastructure in tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh

1949 Shri Harsh Mahajan:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the literacy rate, particularly female literacy rate, among Scheduled Tribes in Himachal Pradesh as per the latest available details and how it compares with the State and National averages;
- (b) the number of schools and educational institutions functional in the tribal blocks of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Pangi and Bharmour and the funds allocated and released for educational infrastructure in these areas, year-wise, during the last three years;
- (c) whether any special schemes exist to improve female literacy and school enrolment among tribal communities in border areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to address gaps, if any, in educational outcomes in these areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): The literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes in Himachal Pradesh, compared with the State and National averages as per the Census 2011, is as tabulated below.

Literacy Status in per cent

Category	Total	Male	Female
All (National Level)	72.98	80.88	64.63
ST (National Level)	58.96	68.53	49.35
All (HP- State Level)	82.80	89.53	75.93
ST (HP- State Level)	73.64	83.17	64.20

Further, the State of Himachal Pradesh declared itself a “*Fully Literate*” State on 8th September 2025, on the occasion of International Literacy Day, 2025.

(b) : As informed by State of Himachal Pradesh, the details of the schools and educational institutions functional in the tribal blocks of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Pangi and Bharmour, along with the funds allocated and released for educational infrastructure in these areas during the last three years, are given in the **Annexure**.

(c) and (d) : The Government is implementing various schemes to improve literacy (including female literacy), school enrolment and educational outcomes among tribal communities, including those residing in border and remote areas. These include Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI Schools, Eklayya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs), the NIPUN Bharat Mission, Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe students, digital learning initiatives such as DIKSHA and PM eVIDYA, and the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram for non-literate persons aged 15 years and above. These interventions aim to improve access to education, enhance enrolment and retention, reduce dropout rates, strengthen school infrastructure, improve teaching-learning processes and teacher capacity, and promote digital and foundational learning. In addition, the State Government has implemented the Learning Enhancement Programme (LEP), Abhyaas Himachal Initiative and NIPUN Himachal Mission to address learning gaps through remedial instruction, continuous assessment, regular monitoring, activity-based pedagogy and provision of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs).

Annexure

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1949 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026 ASKED BY SHRI
HARSH MAHAJAN, HON'BLE MP REGARDING "EDUCATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE IN TRIBAL AREAS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH".**

The number of schools and educational institutions functional in the tribal blocks of Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Pangi and Bharmour.

Tribal Area	Years	Number of Schools					Educational Institute
		GPS	GMS	GHS	GSSS	Total	
Kinnaur (Tribal District)	2023-24	158	26	19	32	235	One DIET at Recongpeo
	2024-25	151	22	19	33	225	
	2025-26	146	18	19	33	216	
Lahaul-Spiti (Tribal District)	2023-24	170	27	12	28	237	One DIET at Tandi
	2024-25	158	25	12	28	223	
	2025-26	154	23	12	28	217	
Pangi (Tribal Block)	2023-24	65	12	8	9	94	NA
	2024-25	65	11	8	9	93	
	2025-26	65	10	8	9	92	
Bharmour (Tribal Block)	2023-24	116	15	8	15	154	NA
	2024-25	105	15	7	15	142	
	2025-26	104	15	7	15	141	

The funds allocated and released for educational Infrastructure in Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti, Pangi and Bharmour year-wise during the last three years.

Tribal Area	Years	Funds allocated (Amount in lakh)	Funds released (Amount in lakh)
Kinnaur (Tribal District)	2023-24	37.90	37.90
	2024-25	718.65	718.65
	2025-26	251.39	251.39
Lahaul-Spiti (Tribal District)	2023-24	4.05	4.05
	2024-25	126.50	126.50
	2025-26	169.02	169.02
Pangi (Tribal Block)	2023-24	27.10	27.10
	2024-25	17.00	17.00
	2025-26	186.82	186.82
Bharmour (Tribal Block)	2023-24	40.80	40.80
	2024-25	21.50	21.50
	2025-26	207.50	207.50
