

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1859  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2016

**Special Literacy Programmes**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the literacy rate is dismal in all States in the country, particularly in Gujarat, Assam and Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes launching a special literacy mission to change the scenario in comparatively low literacy States and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government would provide a special package to such States to overcome low literacy levels?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) & (b) No Madam. A statement indicating State/UT/Gender-wise details of literacy rates, in the age group of 7 and above, as reported by Census 2011 is **annexed**. The literacy rates in Gujarat, Assam and Punjab are 78.03 per cent, 72.19 per cent and 75.84 per cent respectively compared to the national literacy rate of 72.98 per cent.

(c) & (d) In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, “Saakshar Bharat”, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented since October, 2009 in a phased manner in rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, and left wing extremism affected districts. The main focus of the programme is on SCs, STs, minorities and other disadvantaged groups. The objective of the programme is to raise the literacy level of the country to 80 percent and reduce the gender gap to 10 percentage points by the end of XII Five Year Plan.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1859 FOR 28.11.2016 ASKED BY SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA, SHRI RAVNEET SINGH AND SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL REGARDING “SPECIAL LITERACY PROGRAMMES”.**

**State/UT/Gender-wise details of literacy rates, in the age group of 7 and above, as reported by Census 2011**

S. No.	Name of States / UTs	Literacy Rate		
		Persons	Male	Female
	<b>India</b>	<b>72.98</b>	<b>80.88</b>	<b>64.63</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	67.02	74.88	59.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	65.38	72.55	57.70
3.	Assam	72.19	77.85	66.27
4.	Bihar	61.80	71.20	51.50
5.	Chhattisgarh	70.28	80.27	60.24
6.	Goa	88.70	92.65	84.66
7.	Gujarat	78.03	85.75	69.68
8.	Haryana	75.55	84.06	65.94
9.	Himachal Pradesh	82.80	89.53	75.93
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	67.16	76.75	56.43
11.	Jharkhand	66.41	76.84	55.42
12.	Karnataka	75.36	82.47	68.08
13.	Kerala	94.00	96.11	92.07
14.	Madhya Pradesh	69.32	78.73	59.24
15.	Maharashtra	82.34	88.38	75.87
16.	Manipur	76.94	83.58	70.26
17.	Meghalaya	74.43	75.95	72.89
18.	Mizoram	91.33	93.35	89.27
19.	Nagaland	79.55	82.75	76.11
20.	Odisha	72.87	81.59	64.01
21.	Punjab	75.84	80.44	70.73
22.	Rajasthan	66.11	79.19	52.12
23.	Sikkim	81.42	86.55	75.61
24.	Tamil Nadu	80.09	86.77	73.44
25.	Tripura	87.22	91.53	82.73
26.	Uttar Pradesh	67.68	77.28	57.18
27.	Uttarakhand	78.82	87.40	70.01
28.	West Bengal	76.26	81.69	70.54
29.	A & N Islands	86.63	90.27	82.43
30.	Chandigarh	86.05	89.99	81.19
31.	D & N Haveli	76.24	85.17	64.32
32.	Daman & Diu	87.10	91.54	79.55
33.	Lakshadweep	91.85	95.56	87.95
34.	NCT of Delhi	86.21	90.94	80.76
35.	Puducherry	85.85	91.26	80.67