

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3031**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.12.2016

**LITERACY LEVELS OF ST GIRLS**

SHRI MATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the population of girls among the total population of Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the country as per 2011 census;
- (b) the details of female literacy rate among the females of Scheduled Tribes Communities in the country State/UT-wise;
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to increase the female literacy rate in the tribal areas; and
- (d) the details of voluntary organization / NGOs and Institutions working in this regard, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) & (b): Details of population of girls among the total population of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and female literacy rate among ST communities in the country, State / UT- wise, as per Census 2011, are given at Annexure 1.

(c): Initiatives taken by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to increase the literacy rate of STs across the country including ST girls are as follows:

- (i) Scheme of Girls & Boys Hostels for STs: Under the scheme, Central assistance is given to States / UTs / Universities for construction of new hostel buildings and / or extension of existing hostels. State Governments are eligible for 100% central share for construction of all Girls' hostel and also for construction of Boys' hostel in naxal affected areas. The funding pattern for other Boys' Hostel to State Governments is on 50:50 basis.
- (ii) Scheme of Ashram Schools in Tribal Areas: The objective of the scheme is to provide residential schools for STs to increase the literacy rate among the tribal students and to bring them at par with other population of the country. Under the scheme, State Governments are eligible for 100% central share for construction of all Girls' Ashram Schools and also for construction of Boys' Ashram Schools in naxal affected areas. The funding pattern for the other Boys' Ashram Schools is on 50:50 basis.
- (iii) Scheme for Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts: The scheme aims to bridge the gap in literacy levels between the general female population and tribal women, through facilitating 100% enrolment of tribal girls in the identified Districts or Blocks, more

particularly in naxal affected areas and in areas inhabited by Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs), and reducing drop-outs at the elementary level by creating the required ambience for education. Improvement of the literacy rate of tribal girls is essential to enable them to participate effectively in and benefit from, socio-economic development.

2. In addition to above, to maximize retention of ST students within various stages of school education and promoting higher learning, monetary incentives are provided by Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the form of scholarships such as Pre Matric Scholarship, Post Matric Scholarship, National Overseas Scholarship, Scholarship for Top Class Education and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students.

As informed by Ministry of Human Resource Development, following initiatives have been taken for increasing over all literacy rate including ST females:

(1) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), districts with high concentration of population of Scheduled Tribes (STs) have been identified as Special Focus Districts (SFDs). The criteria for identifying the SFDs is of 25% and above population of STs.

(2) The percentage of enrolment of children from ST community, as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2014-15, is 10.47% of the total enrolment in elementary education, which is more than the share of tribal population at 8.6% as per census 2011.

(3) For the year 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 998433.32 lakh has been allocated for ST concentrated SFDs under SSA, which is 13% of the total allocation of SSA. Besides, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have played an important role in furthering the goal of girls' education in educationally backward blocks of the country. A total of 508 KGBVs, which are upper primary residential schools for girls, have been sanctioned in the ST concentrated SFDs, out of which 507 are operational. In ST concentrated SFDs, 147 residential schools and 190 hostels have been sanctioned.

(4) SSA also supports provisions for textbooks to all children in Government / local body and Government aided schools and two sets of uniform to all girls, Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) children and Below Poverty Line (BPL) children, wherever State Governments have incorporated provision of school uniforms as a child entitlement in their State RTE Rules.

(5) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 under Section 29 states that wherever practicable children should be taught in their mother tongue. In the last few years several States have taken initiatives to bridge children from tribal groups speaking a different language at home to transition to school language.

(6) Teacher training under the SSA has sessions on sensitizing teachers to actively dispel traditional perceptions regarding gender or caste roles, take measures which would help girls, children from disadvantaged groups and weaker sections pursue education which is equitable and free of anxiety. Further, revision of syllabi, textbooks and supplementary learning material are done to incorporate gender and social inclusion dimensions.

(7) In order to improve literacy rate, Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development is being implemented 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

including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women, SCs, STs, minorities and other disadvantaged groups. The principal target of the programme is to impart functional literacy to 70 million adults (60 million female) including 8 million STs (6 million female) in the age group of 15 years and beyond. Plan-wise targets are fixed to achieve higher levels of literacy in a phased manner. The present targets are to raise the overall literacy rate of the country to 80 per cent and reduce the gender gap to 10 percentage points by the end of XII Five Year Plan (i.e. 31.07.2017).

(d): State / UT-wise details of Voluntary Organizations / NGOs and Institutions working under Scheme of 'Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in Low Literacy Districts' of Ministry of Tribal Affairs are given at Annexure 2.

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**Annexure 1 referred to part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.3031 for 5.12.2016**

Sl. No.	State / UT	Total ST population	ST female population	ST female literacy rate
	INDIA	104545716	51998501	49.4
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1493299	717042	39.7
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	392126	196008	64.2
3	UTTARAKHAND	291903	143234	63.9
4	RAJASTHAN	9238534	4495591	37.3
5	UTTAR PRADESH	1134273	553190	43.7
6	BIHAR	1336573	654057	40.4
7	SIKKIM	206360	101099	74.3
8	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	951821	483431	58.0
9	NAGALAND	1710973	844946	76.9
10	MANIPUR	1167422	579143	67.8
11	MIZORAM	1036115	519821	89.5
12	TRIPURA	1166813	578486	71.6
13	MEGHALAYA	2555861	1286133	73.5
14	ASSAM	3884371	1927366	65.1
15	WEST BENGAL	5296953	2646979	47.7
16	JHARKHAND	8645042	4329635	46.2
17	ODISHA	9590756	4863024	41.2
18	CHHATTISGARH	7822902	3949711	48.8
19	MADHYA PRADESH	15316784	7597380	41.5
20	GUJARAT	8917174	4415785	53.2
21	DAMAN & DIU	15363	7592	71.2
22	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	178564	89720	50.3
23	MAHARASHTRA	10510213	5195188	57.0
24	TELANGANA	3286928	1626965	39.4
25	ANDHRA PRADESH	2631145	1321746	40.9
26	KARNATAKA	4248987	2114233	53.0
27	GOA	149275	76327	71.5
28	LAKSHADWEEP	61120	30605	87.8
29	KERALA	484839	246636	71.1
30	TAMIL NADU	794697	393629	46.8
31	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	28530	13799	69.9

Note: No Notified Scheduled Tribes in Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, NCT of Delhi and Puducherry.

Source: Census 2011

**Annexure 2 referred to part (d) of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.3031 for 05.12.2016**

State-wise list of Voluntary Organisations / NGOs and Institutions under Scheme of 'Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe Girls in Low Literacy Districts' during 2013-14 to 2016-17

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Names with Addresses</b>
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>	
1	A.P.Tribal Welfare Ashram and Residential Education Institution Society, Hyderabad, A.P (14 Units)
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	
2	Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Lakhra Road, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Assam (H. Qrs.) project at Pakke Kassang, East Kameng Distt., Arunachal Pradesh
<b>CHHATTISGARH</b>	
3	Vivekanand Institute of Social Health and Welfare Service, Ma Sarada Vidyamandir ORCHHA, Narainpur, Dist.Baster, Chhattisgarh
<b>GUJARAT</b>	
4	Gujarat State Tribal Development Residential Education Institute Society (GSITDREIS), Birsa Munda Bhawan, Gandhinagar (43 Units)
5	Lok Niketan, At/PO – Ratanpur, Taluk – Palanpur, Distt. – Banaskantha, Pin – 385 001,Gujarat
6	Shree Jeevandeep Educationa and Charitable Trust, Shvratana Complex, Datar Road, Kadiyawad, Junagarh, Gujarat (Hostel at Vill. Talal, Block Tala, Distt. Junagarh)
7	Shree Sarvodaya Ashram Trust, At/Po-Sanali, Ta-Danta, Dist.-Banaskantha, Gujarat
<b>JHARKHAND</b>	
8	Bharatiya Adimjati Sevak Sangha, Thakkar Bapa Samarak Sadan, New Delhi (H.Qrs.) Project at Lumbai
<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>	
9	Adarsh Lok Kalyan Sanstha, J.R.Birla Road, Near Gyan Mandhi Hr.Sec.School, Satna, M.P.(2-Educational Complexes)
10	Amay Gramin Utthan Samiti, 86, Chandra Shekhar Azad Marg, Ranapur, Pin-457993, Block-Ranapur, Distt.-Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh. (Hostel Projects)
11	Bandhewal Shiksha Samiti, Distt Harda , 92, Purana Nariyal Khera, Bhopal, 462038, Bhopal, M.P.
12	Keshav Gramotthan Shikshan Samiti, Vill.-Tikriya, Distt.-Dindori, M.P. (2 Educational Complexes)
13	Madhya Pradesh Tribal Welfare Residential and Ashram Educational Institute Society, Satpura Bhavan, Bhopal, M.P. (13 Projects)
14	M.P.Anusuchit Jati Janjati Pichda Varg Kalyan Samiti, 166-E, Muninagar, Ujjain, M.P.
15	Pushpa Convent Education Society, AT-Patel Nagar, Block-Goradongri, Distt-Betul, Pin-462010 Pushpa Nagar, Bhopal, M.P.
16	Pandey Shiksha Samiti, Village Bamraha, Satha, M.P.
17	Rajendra Ashram Trust, At/PO-Kathiwada, Distt.-Jhabua, M.P.
18	Savya Sanchi Centre for Urban & Rural Development, AT-Amar Nikunj, Arjun Nagar, Sidhi, District-Sidhi, Pin - 486661, M.P.
19	Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Sevashram, Mai Ki Bagia, Amarkantak, District Anupur PIN 484886, Madhya Pradesh
20	Gramin Seva Kendra, AT/PO-Mandlinathu, Tehsil-Ranapur, District Jhabua, Pin-457993,

S. No.	Names with Addresses
	Madhya Pradesh
21	Madhya Pradesh Adivasi Sevak Sangh, Distt-Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh
MAHARASHTRA	
22	Chandrai Mahila Mandal, Pimpalner, Tal-Sakri, Distt-Dhule, Maharashtra (Hostel Project at Vill-Pankheda, Tal-Sakri, Distt-Dhule, Maharashtra
23	Shri Swayam Seva Bhavi Sanstha, Ganeshpur Tal Sakri, Pin-424310, Distt. Dhule, Maharashtra (Hostel Project )
24	Navnirman Shikshan Santha, Bebratanda, Tah. Deglur, Distt-Naded, Maharashtra (Hostel Project at Vill. Mendki, Block Mahur, Distt. Naded)
25	Sandhi Niketan Shikshan Sanstha, Wadgaon, Dist.Nanded, M.S.
ODISHA	
26	Arun Institute of Rural Affairs, At: Aswakhola, PO:Karamul, Dist.Dhenkanal, Orissa
27	Bright Career Academy, At-Dolomandap, Chandanbad Area, PO-Jeypore, Distt.-Koraput, Pin - 764001, Orissa
28	Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, At-Utkal Branch, PO-Satyabhamapur, Dist.Cuttack, Pin-754200, Orissa
29	Koraput Development Foundation, AT-Lingraj Nagar, PO-Jeypore, Dist.Koraput, Orissa
30	Liberation Education and Action for Development (LEAD), At/PO-Jeypore, Vill.Sundergarh, Dist.Koraput, Orissa
31	Marr-Munning Ashram, Aurobindo Nagar, PO-Jeypore, Distt.-Koraput, Orissa
32	Orissa Model Tribal Education Society,(OMTES) Bhubneswar, Orissa (19 Project)
33	PRAKALPA, At/PO-Jyotipur, Distt.-Keonjhar, Orissa
34	Servants of Indian Society, At/PO-Rayagada, Dist.Rayagada, Orissa
35	Seva Samaj, AT/PO-Gunupur, Distt-Rayagad, Pin762022, Orissa
36	Social Education for Environment and Development (SEED), N-2/152, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
37	Society for Nature Edu. & Health (SNEH), Plot No.ND 19-20, IRC Village, Nayapalli, VIP Area, Bhubaneswar, Orissa (2-Educational project)
38	Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, AT-Badarohila, PO-Kadalimunda, Distt-Angul, Pin-759126, , Orissa (2-Educational project)
39	Tagore Society for Rural Development, A-47, Rameswar Patna, Mausima Square, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
40	Sarvodaya Samiti, AT/PO-Koraput, Pin-764020, District- Koraput, Orissa
41	Holy Home AT:Dianmunda Chhak, PO: Tanwat, Dist-Naupada, Orissa
RAJASTHAN	
42	Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya Sansthan, 940, Hiran Magri, Sec No. 4, Udaipur- 313002, Rajasthan
43	Mewar Saririk Shiksha Samiti, Hinta, PO-Bhander, Udaipur, Rajasthan
44	Rajasthan Bal Kalyan Samiti, Vill/PO-Jhadol (Phalasia), Dist.Udaipur, Rajasthan
TELANGANA	
45	Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS), Hyderabad (16 Units)

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