

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016

Literacy Gap

3144. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is a considerable gap between the literacy rate of total population and Scheduled Caste population in States with high SC population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of graduates from Scheduled Caste population?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per Census 2011, the gap between literacy rate of all castes (72.98%) and Scheduled Castes (SCs) (66.07%) at national level is 6.91 percentage points. There are 13 States/UTs which have SCs population higher than the national average of SCs population (16.5%). A statement indicating the literacy rates of all castes, SCs and their gap in these 13 States/UTs is **annexed**.

(c) Government has taken several measures to increase the enrolment of SCs in higher education. The University Grants Commission implements several schemes/measures such as Rajiv Gandhi National fellowships for SC students, post graduate scholarships for SC students, post-doctoral fellowships for SC students, coaching schemes for SC students, establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells and Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy centres in universities, etc.

Besides, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs also have scholarship schemes for SC students like Post-Matric scholarship for SC students, Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top class Education for SC students and National Overseas Scholarship for SC students.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3144 FOR 05.12.2016 ASKED BY SHRI B.V. NAIK REGARDING “LITERACY GAP”.

State/UT-wise details of literacy rates for all castes & Scheduled Castes and gap in percentage point, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011.

Sl. No.	India/States/UTs	Literacy Rate		Gap in Percentage Points
		All Castes	Scheduled Castes	
	INDIA	72.98	66.07	6.91
1	HARYANA	75.55	66.85	8.70
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	82.80	78.92	3.88
3	KARNATAKA	75.36	65.33	10.03
4	ODISHA	72.87	69.02	3.85
5	PUNJAB	75.84	64.81	11.03
6	RAJASTHAN	66.11	59.75	6.36
7	TAMIL NADU	80.09	73.26	6.83
8	TRIPURA	87.22	89.45	-2.23
9	UTTAR PRADESH	67.68	60.89	6.79
10	UTTARAKHAND	78.82	74.41	4.41
11	WEST BENGAL	76.26	69.43	6.83
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12	CHANDIGARH	86.05	76.45	9.60
13	NCT OF DELHI	86.21	78.89	7.32
