

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2930
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

National Literacy Mission

2930. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) whether the National Literacy Mission Scheme is still functional in the country and if so, the details thereof including the present status thereof along with the States where the said scheme is being implemented, funded and timeline of the projects under it;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to replace the National Literacy Mission with another scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is a provision for having non-official Member/ Director under the said Mission;
- (e) whether the Government proposes for launching a special literacy mission or special packages for States and UTs to improve the literacy rate in the country especially in rural areas including in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The scheme of Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission is operational during XII Five Year Plan period. The rural areas of 410 districts of 26 States and 1 Union Territory that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001 including Left Wing Extremism Affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, have been covered under the programme.

(d) There is a provision of official and non-official members in the composition of Governing Body and Executive Committee of National Literacy Mission Authority.

(e) & (f) In order to improve the literacy rate in the country especially in rural areas, the Saakshar Bharat programme is being implemented in eligible districts of 26 States and 1 Union Territory including Jharkhand.
