

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017

Literacy

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that as per the Education for all- Global Monitoring Report of the United Nations a considerable number of adults are illiterate in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that the female literacy initiative is under performing in terms of quality education in comparison to other neighbouring countries and it ranks low in global indices of female literacy rate and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the current percentage of illiterate people in the country State/UT-wise particularly in Maharashtra along with the States where illiteracy is high;

(d) whether it is a fact that unemployment among educated people is also one of the reasons for illiteracy along with the other reasons and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to promote literacy programmes in the country, specially for female and children along with the funds sanctioned/ released for the purpose during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise?

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

(a) As per the “Education for All: Global Education Monitoring Report 2016” published by UNESCO, around 26.55 crore adult illiterates are reported in India out of a total 75.79 crore adult illiterates in the world. A large number of adults are illiterate in India due to various factors including poverty, gender and social category inequities and age profile.

(b) No Madam. As per UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) data 2015, the female literacy rate, in the age group of 15 and above in India was reported as 62.98 per cent which is higher than the female literacy rates of the neighboring countries like 42.73 per cent in Pakistan, 54.75 per cent in Nepal, 55.12 per cent in Bhutan and 58.31 per cent in Bangladesh.

(c) A statement indicating the State/UT- wise percentage of illiterates in the country including Maharashtra, in the age group of 7 and above, as reported by the Census 2011 is at **Annexure-I**.

(d) No data is available establishing the fact that the unemployment among educated people is one of the reasons for illiteracy in the Country.

(e) In order to improve the 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 including Left Wing Extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups. In addition, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is also being implemented in conjunction with the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 for universalisation of elementary education for all children in the 6-14 age group. Statements indicating the State/UT- wise funds released under Saakshar Bharat programme and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last 3 years are at **Annexure-II** and **Annexure-III**, respectively.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 595 FOR 6.2.2017 ASKED BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA, DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL, SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE, SHRI SUBHASH PATEL, KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV, PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA, DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR, SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN, DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY AND SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI REGARDING “LITERACY”.

State/UT-wise illiteracy rate including Maharashtra in the age group of 7 and above

(As per Census 2011)

Sl. No	India/States/UTs	Illiteracy rate
	India	27.02
1	Andhra Pradesh(Undivided)	32.98
2	Arunachal Pradesh	34.62
3	Assam	27.81
4	Bihar	38.20
5	Chhattisgarh	29.72
6	Goa	11.30
7	Gujarat	21.97
8	Haryana	24.45
9	Himachal Pradesh	17.20
10	Jammu & Kashmir	32.84
11	Jharkhand	33.59
12	Karnataka	24.64
13	Kerala	6.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	30.68
15	Maharashtra	17.66
16	Manipur	23.06
17	Meghalaya	25.57
18	Mizoram	8.67
19	Nagaland	20.45
20	Odisha	27.13
21	Punjab	24.16
22	Rajasthan	33.89
23	Sikkim	18.58
24	Tamil Nadu	19.91
25	Tripura	12.78
26	Uttar Pradesh	32.32
27	Uttarakhand	21.18
28	West Bengal	23.74
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.37
30	Chandigarh	13.95
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23.76
32	Daman & Diu	12.90
33	Lakshadweep	8.15
34	NCT of Delhi	13.79
35	Puducherry	14.15

Annexure-II

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State/UT-wise Central Releases under Saakshar Bharat programme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State / UT	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	6921.76	3432.00	4456.45
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1417.84	1224.73	383.40
3	Assam	1620.00	913.50	1319.76
4	Bihar	6226.09	4788.00	3900.00
5	Chhasttigarh	1875.00	2250.00	1500.00
6	D&N Haveli	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	1560.00
8	Haryana	0	2546.35	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	156.00	114.26
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	725.40
11	Jharkhand	0	0	1837.50
12	Karnataka	1575.19	750.00	780.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	2496.00	2620.80
14	Maharashtra	0	3375.00	0
15	Manipur	274.48	122.76	135.00
16	Meghalaya	0	0	226.80
17	Nagaland	198.00	256.47	151.93
18	Odisha	228.16	0	624.00
19	Punjab	0	0	0
20	Rajasthan	4017.00	3215.54	0
21	Sikkim	66.80	0	74.88
22	Tamil Nadu	2597.40	0	1209.00
23	Telangana	Not in Existence	3432.00	1725.00
24	Tripura	0	0	72.54
25	Uttar Pradesh	0	3978.00	7800.00
26	Uttarakhand	1563.12	781.88	1216.80
27	West Bengal	72.13	916.50	780.00
	Total	28652.97	34634.73	33213.52

Annexure-III

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State/UT-wise Central Releases under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State / UT	Release		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	174715.39	154566.68	66810.81
2	Arunachal Pradesh	19261.85	33607.83	18179.44
3	Assam	131820.73	97782.17	100464.64
4	Bihar	261013.11	216336.05	251557.33
5	Chhattisgarh	76699.64	92705.34	62219.70
6	Goa	1333.57	1310.38	813.58
7	Gujarat	80559.63	78476.48	61563.82
8	Haryana	35088.42	42110.65	34501.21
9	Himachal Pradesh	11453.10	12547.30	12139.13
10	Jammu & Kashmir	89143.50	51276.51	129980.55
11	Jharkhand	45010.71	75775.18	55863.31
12	Karnataka	65371.33	66213.52	41759.33
13	Kerala	20800.66	21844.02	12858.86
14	Madhya Pradesh	200408.56	149094.91	160197.85
15	Maharashtra	65653.65	58288.54	41225.28
16	Manipur	13193.93	21465.80	18355.46
17	Meghalaya	28340.86	20404.51	16626.96
18	Mizoram	10657.69	14739.69	9437.51
19	Nagaland	15803.02	20568.72	8739.53
20	Odisha	73956.08	66695.31	82081.65
21	Punjab	38323.72	36215.98	30003.82
22	Rajasthan	242488.70	248041.55	193462.09
23	Sikkim	4195.08	4526.13	4054.36
24	Tamil Nadu	96827.48	135819.79	82111.73
25	Telangana	Not in Existence	81406.88	21776.01
26	Tripura	15991.09	19800.13	16956.97
27	Uttar Pradesh	466698.04	449867.53	505434.30
28	Uttarakhand	22043.51	22880.56	22588.40
29	West Bengal	153196.42	97240.30	84679.41
30	A & N Islands	612.35	147.21	359.46
31	Chandigarh	3009.26	3893.53	3521.81
32	Dadra & N. Haveli	927.19	911.74	594.91
33	Daman & Diu	145.54	72.77	78.38
34	Delhi	8322.82	6223.73	7293.80
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	58.83	139.87
36	Pondicherry	443.19	100.00	583.14
	Total	2473509.82	2403016.25	2159014.41
