

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017

Literacy Rate

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

- (a) the details of literacy rate in the country, gender-wise and State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra at present along with the funds sanctioned/ spent and achievements made under the National Literacy Mission during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide special assistance to the States which have literacy rate below the national average and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some smaller countries with limited resources have higher literacy rate as compared to India and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether several States have demanded autonomy so as to facilitate to achieve learning outcomes and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improving the standard of literacy in the States including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 204 FOR 31.07.2017 ASKED BY DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ AND SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV REGARDING “LITERACY RATE”.

(a) & (b) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by Registrar General of India. The last Census was held in 2011. A statement indicating details of literacy rate in the country, gender-wise and State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra as per Census 2011 is at **Annexure-I**. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned during the last three years and the current year is at **Annexure-II**. A statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of learners appeared and declared successful in biannual basic literacy assessment tests (August and March) during the last three years is at **Annexure-III**.

Financial assistance is being provided to States/UT by Central and respective State Government for implementation of the programme in 410 districts in 26 States and one UT that had adult female literacy rate of 50% and below as per Census 2001 were identified for coverage under Saakshar Bharat programme. The Saakshar Bharat Programme also included Left Wing Extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates. The Saakshar Bharat programme covers the rural areas of identified districts. Since 2015-16 onwards, the sharing of funds between centre and state is 60:40 ratio in all States except North Eastern States and three Himalayan States where the Central and State is 90:10 ratio.

In order to focus on the areas where the literacy levels are low, the Department of School Education & Literacy (SE&L) has identified Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs). Initially 3073 EBBs were identified on the basis of the twin criteria of rural Female Literacy Rate being below the national average of 46.13 per cent and Gender Gap in Literacy being above the national average of 21.59 per cent as per Census 2001. Both these criteria had been earmarked by the Registrar General of India (RGI).

A further 406 more blocks were included, out of which 404 blocks had rural Female Literacy Rate of less than 45 per cent as per Census 2001, irrespective of the Gender Gap. In addition one Block from West Bengal with SC Rural Female Literacy Rate of 19.81 per cent and one block in Odisha with ST rural Female Literacy Rate of 9.47 per cent were also included, taking the total number of EBBs to 3479.

(c) No, Madam. The adult literacy rate of India was 69 per cent as reported by UNESCO in “Global Education Monitoring Report 2016” as compared to the adult literacy rate of neighboring countries such as Afghanistan (32 per cent), Pakistan (56 per cent), Bhutan (57 per cent), Nepal (60 per cent) and Bangladesh (61 per cent).

(d) There have been no demands from States for autonomy so as to facilitate achieving learning outcomes. However, this Department, in collaboration with NCERT, has finalized the learning Outcomes for all subjects at elementary level, which will be the expected levels of learning that students should achieve on completion of a particular class. These Learning Outcomes have also been incorporated in the Central Rules to the RTE Act 2009 by amending Section 23(2) of the Rules.

State and UT Governments have also been requested to translate these learning outcomes in their local languages and incorporate them in State RTE Rules at the earliest.

Under Saakshar Bharat programme, around 7.92 crore learners have been appeared under Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted between August, 2010 to August, 2016, out of which around 5.88 crore learners have successfully passed the assessment tests conducted under the programme and certified as literate.

(e) In order to improve literacy in the States including Uttar Pradesh, an assessment and certification of the competency levels of adults has been introduced under Saakshar Bharat programme. Only an adult, who confirms to the prescribed competency levels in reading, writing and numeracy, is certified as literate. Assessments are conducted through a system developed by National Literacy Mission Authority in consultation with National Institute of Open Schooling, an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Annexure-I

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Literacy rate in the country, as per the Census 2011

S. No.	Name of States / UTs	Literacy Rate		
		Persons	Male	Female
	India	72.98	80.88	64.63
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

Annexure-II

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RATE”.**

The details of year-wise central share released under Saakshar Bharat programme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Central Share released			
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 as on 25.7.17
1	Andhra Pradesh	3432	4456.45	0	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1224.73	383.4	31.45	0
3	Assam	913.5	1319.76	0	0
4	Bihar	4788	3900	2340	0
5	Chhasttisgarh	2250	1500	1400.1	0
6	D&N Haveli	0	0	29.12	0
7	Gujarat	0	1560	0	0
8	Haryana	2546.35	0	1002.35	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	156	114.26	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	725.4	585	0
11	Jharkhand	0	1837.5	630.24	0
12	Karnataka	750	780	1934.4	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	2496	2620.8	4142.75	225.25
14	Maharashtra	3375	0	0	0
15	Manipur	122.76	135	0	0
16	Meghalaya	0	226.8	0	0
17	Nagaland	256.47	151.93	0	0
18	Odisha	0	624	153.24	314.76
19	Punjab	0	0	0	0
20	Rajasthan	3215.54	0	152.99	0
21	Sikkim	0	74.88	0	0
22	Tamil Nadu	0	1209	878.66	0
23	Telangana	3432	1725	1560	0
24	Tripura	0	72.54	0	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	3978	7800	5100	0
26	Uttarakhand	781.88	1216.8	0	0
27	West Bengal	916.5	780	748.8	0
	Total	34634.73	33213.52	20689.1	540.01

Annexure-III

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The year-wise details of learners appeared and declared successful in biannual basic literacy assessment tests (August and March)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 upto August 2016	
		Appeared	Successful	Appeared	Successful	Appeared	Successful
1	Andhra Pradesh	8,20,386	5,50,137	8,90,490	6,18,261	65,470	58,048
2	Arunachal Pradesh	29,471	28,177	34,419	30,063	12,237	10,655
3	Assam	1,47,006	94,474	4,94,579	3,52,851	52,651	38,028
4	Bihar	13,06,160	11,34,020	30,61,214	25,91,085	12,19,745	10,61,570
5	Chhattisgarh	4,65,553	3,90,711	3,28,769	2,68,467	1,40,712	1,33,284
6	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Gujarat	64,443	46,178	2,25,524	1,58,384	2,49,977	1,86,604
8	Haryana	1,74,461	1,07,396	2,13,220	1,46,484	2,55,081	1,82,935
9	Himachal Pradesh	1,428	760	17,015	10,198	13,824	10,112
10	Jammu & Kashmir	64,856	44,656	82,133	49,786	-	-
11	Jharkhand	58,481	49,354	17,58,251	13,65,133	4,30,397	3,29,722
12	Karnataka	7,67,652	6,08,189	6,95,134	5,70,461	2,95,718	2,65,613
13	Madhya Pradesh	5,96,255	3,85,297	7,98,237	5,77,429	9,89,644	8,48,811
14	Maharashtra	30,168	22,748	3,23,894	2,15,140	1,61,289	1,19,548
15	Manipur	10,091	7,310	9,500	4,780	7,655	6,510
16	Meghalaya	13,127	9,494	11,363	7,106	-	-
17	Nagaland	30,893	19,742	31,192	22,650	11,895	9,125
18	Odisha	1,24,837	67,659	8,58,581	3,81,179	6,05,540	2,94,471
19	Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Rajasthan	13,07,845	10,79,400	19,56,620	16,66,568	8,64,255	7,36,132
21	Sikkim	1,836	1,334	1,677	1,278	-	-
22	Tamil Nadu	3,99,755	3,43,062	1,48,633	1,30,746	62,540	57,941
23	Telangana	9,24,195	6,32,822	11,72,346	8,41,381	3,17,333	2,29,331
24	Tripura	2,517	1,614	-	-	-	-
25	Uttar Pradesh	22,92,253	17,47,839	45,82,749	34,18,462	26,31,179	20,84,021
26	Uttarakhand	71,538	46,299	1,04,633	68,921	44,485	29,860
27	West Bengal	9,81,305	5,28,343	20,99,202	13,12,249	10,26,511	7,76,177
	Total	1,06,86,512	79,47,015	1,98,99,375	1,48,09,062	94,58,138	74,68,498
