

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

Literacy Rate among Differently Abled

254. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

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

- (a) the details of literacy rate of differently abled among the total literacy rate of the country in rural/villages and urban areas, area and gender-wise;
- (b) the details of the special action plan formulated by the Government to increase the rate of literacy among the physically challenged; and
- (c) the total number of physically challenged persons who have taken admission in primary, secondary, higher secondary and higher education during the last three years and the number of the physically challenged who have dropped out of education?

ANSWER

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

- (a) A statement indicating State/UT and gender-wise literacy rates of total population and differently abled persons in rural and urban areas, as per Census 2011 is **annexed**.
- (b) Section 3 of the Right to Education Act (RTE), 2009 mandates Free and Compulsory Education to all children from 6-14 years of age. It stipulates that, “Every child of the age of six to fourteen years shall have a right to free and Compulsory education in a neighborhood school till completion of elementary education”. It further states that “provided that a child suffering from disability shall have the right to pursue free and compulsory elementary education.”

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) promotes inclusion of Children with Special Need (CWSN) in neighborhood schools through their early identification, educational placement, provision of aids and appliances and other resource support services, teacher training, parental training, community mobilisation, curricular adaptations, removal of architectural barriers, as well as residential, non-residential or even home based education, as per their specific requirements.

The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has developed exemplar material on curricular adaptations, inclusive teaching and adoption of flexibility in evaluating children with disabilities in inclusive classrooms. These handbooks, meant for primary and upper primary level teachers, cover all disabilities, including cognitive and intellectual disabilities, have been disseminated to States/UTs.

NCERT has also developed Barkha: A Reading Series for All as an exemplary inclusive learning material in the form of a supplementary reading series consisting of 40 story booklets based on children's experiences. The reading series goes beyond providing only audio material to visually challenged learners and has special features like Braille and text on the same page, high resolution colours, window flashcards of difficult words and tactile and textured illustrations rendering it accessible to all children.

Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, the component Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) covers all children passing out of elementary school and studying at the secondary stage in Government, local body and Government-aided schools, with one or more disabilities as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act (1995).

The scheme has provision for Student-oriented components which cover Assessment of medical/ educational needs, Provision of student specific facilities like transport facilities, hostel facilities, books, uniforms, assistive devices, therapeutic service, support services, development of learning material, Purchase of screen reading software. Under the scheme, a financial assistance of Rs.3000/- per annum per disabled child is provided for student oriented components as per applicable funding pattern between Centre and State.

(c) As per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) data, the number of CWSN enrolled at primary level of schooling is 17.21 lakh, 15.67 lakh and 15.19 lakh in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively. The number of CWSN enrolled at secondary level is 2.27 lakh, 2.19 lakh and 2.18 lakh in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively and the number of CWSN enrolled at higher secondary level is 60,943, 61,046 and 60,869 in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively.

As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) data, a total of 51,954; 64,298 and 74,435 persons with disabilities were enrolled in higher education during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. Information relating to differently abled students who dropped out is not maintained, separately.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 254 FOR 05.02.2018 ASKED BY SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA REGARDING "LITERACY RATE AMONG DIFFERENTLY ABLED".

State/UT and gender-wise literacy rate of total population and literacy rate among differently abled in rural and urban areas.

As per Census, 2011

Sl. No	India/State/UTs	Areas	Literacy Rate for all Groups			Literacy Rate among Differently Abled Population		
			Person	Male	Female	Person	Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	India	Total	72.98	80.88	64.63	54.50	62.40	44.60
		Rural	67.77	77.15	57.93	48.90	57.90	37.40
		Urban	84.11	88.76	79.11	67.30	72.40	60.90
01	Andhra Pradesh(undivided)	Total	67.02	74.88	59.15	48.30	56.20	39.10
		Rural	60.45	69.38	51.54	40.40	49.20	30.20
		Urban	80.09	85.79	74.35	64.30	70.10	57.30
02	Arunachal Pradesh	Total	65.38	72.55	57.70	38.70	45.90	30.60
		Rural	59.94	67.44	52.04	33.90	40.90	25.90
		Urban	82.93	88.45	76.66	63.40	69.50	55.70
03	Assam	Total	72.19	77.85	66.27	48.30	56.20	39.00
		Rural	69.34	75.40	63.03	45.10	53.50	35.40
		Urban	88.47	91.81	84.94	68.60	73.80	62.40
04	Bihar	Total	61.80	71.20	51.50	47.30	54.70	37.30
		Rural	59.78	69.67	49.00	45.20	53.00	34.70
		Urban	76.86	82.56	70.49	62.10	67.00	55.50
05	Chhattisgarh	Total	70.28	80.27	60.24	48.50	61.20	34.00
		Rural	65.99	76.98	55.06	44.60	58.00	29.50
		Urban	84.05	90.58	77.24	64.00	73.20	52.40
06	Goa	Total	88.70	92.65	84.66	70.30	77.00	63.20
		Rural	86.65	91.71	81.63	67.30	75.40	58.80
		Urban	89.95	93.21	86.56	72.70	78.30	66.80
07	Gujarat	Total	78.03	85.75	69.68	62.80	70.00	53.70
		Rural	71.71	81.61	61.36	55.30	64.70	43.10
		Urban	86.31	90.98	81.03	71.10	75.80	65.20
08	Haryana	Total	75.55	84.06	65.94	54.50	62.60	43.40
		Rural	71.42	81.55	60.02	49.40	58.80	36.20
		Urban	83.14	88.63	76.90	64.20	70.20	56.50
09	Himachal Pradesh	Total	82.80	89.53	75.93	56.00	65.90	43.50
		Rural	81.85	89.05	74.62	54.40	64.80	41.50
		Urban	91.10	93.42	88.37	73.50	77.90	67.40
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Total	67.16	76.75	56.43	41.80	50.60	30.20
		Rural	63.18	73.76	51.64	38.10	47.00	26.50
		Urban	77.12	83.92	69.01	53.40	61.80	42.20
11	Jharkhand	Total	66.41	76.84	55.42	46.90	56.70	34.80
		Rural	61.11	72.86	48.91	42.30	52.80	29.60
		Urban	82.26	88.44	75.47	62.80	69.60	53.80

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12	Karnataka	Total	75.36	82.47	68.08	59.50	66.30	51.10
		Rural	68.73	77.61	59.71	51.80	60.50	41.00
		Urban	85.78	90.04	81.36	70.90	75.20	65.70
13	Kerala	Total	94.00	96.11	92.07	70.80	75.80	65.40
		Rural	92.98	95.35	90.81	69.40	74.70	63.70
		Urban	95.11	96.95	93.44	72.50	77.10	67.50
14	Madhya Pradesh	Total	69.32	78.73	59.24	52.50	61.70	40.30
		Rural	63.94	74.74	52.43	47.20	57.50	33.50
		Urban	82.85	88.67	76.52	65.80	71.90	57.40
15	Maharashtra	Total	82.34	88.38	75.87	67.60	73.80	59.40
		Rural	77.01	85.15	68.54	62.10	70.20	51.30
		Urban	88.69	92.12	84.89	74.80	78.60	69.80
16	Manipur	Total	76.94	83.58	70.26	58.60	65.30	51.00
		Rural	73.40	80.29	66.34	55.50	62.30	47.60
		Urban	85.38	91.68	79.31	65.80	72.30	58.60
17	Meghalaya	Total	74.43	75.95	72.89	57.70	50.90	44.20
		Rural	69.92	71.46	68.37	44.70	47.60	41.50
		Urban	90.79	92.46	89.14	64.50	68.10	60.10
18	Mizoram	Total	91.33	93.35	89.27	61.90	66.40	56.70
		Rural	84.10	88.16	79.81	61.30	50.00	69.40
		Urban	97.63	97.98	97.27	72.90	66.00	83.50
19	Nagaland	Total	79.55	82.75	76.11	43.50	49.40	36.50
		Rural	75.35	78.96	71.51	39.10	45.00	32.00
		Urban	89.62	91.62	87.40	61.00	66.10	54.40
20	Odisha	Total	72.87	81.59	64.01	53.20	63.80	40.50
		Rural	70.22	79.65	60.74	50.80	62.10	36.60
		Urban	85.75	90.72	80.42	67.40	74.10	59.00
21	Punjab	Total	75.84	80.44	70.73	56.60	60.50	51.30
		Rural	71.42	76.62	65.74	51.70	56.10	45.60
		Urban	83.18	86.67	79.21	66.00	69.10	62.00
22	Rajasthan	Total	66.11	79.19	52.12	40.20	52.90	25.00
		Rural	61.44	76.16	45.80	34.90	48.40	30.20
		Urban	79.68	87.91	70.73	58.80	68.10	46.90
23	Sikkim	Total	81.42	86.55	75.61	45.50	53.40	36.30
		Rural	78.95	84.62	72.45	43.40	51.30	34.10
		Urban	88.71	92.35	84.70	60.20	68.30	51.00
24	Tamil Nadu	Total	80.09	86.77	73.44	60.70	66.90	52.90
		Rural	73.54	82.04	65.05	53.50	61.00	44.10
		Urban	87.04	91.80	82.31	68.60	73.40	62.60
25	Tripura	Total	87.22	91.53	82.73	66.40	73.30	57.90
		Rural	84.90	90.07	79.49	62.30	70.10	52.90
		Urban	93.47	95.51	91.38	75.80	80.50	69.90
26	Uttar Pradesh	Total	67.68	77.28	57.18	52.10	59.80	42.00
		Rural	65.46	76.33	53.65	49.30	57.90	37.90
		Urban	75.14	80.45	69.22	61.10	65.80	55.00
27	Uttarakhand	Total	78.82	87.40	70.01	55.60	65.90	42.80

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		Rural	76.31	86.62	66.18	51.80	63.80	37.30
		Urban	84.45	89.05	79.25	65.60	71.00	58.10
28	West Bengal	Total	76.26	81.69	70.54	57.30	64.00	48.90
		Rural	72.13	78.44	65.51	51.80	59.50	41.90
		Urban	84.78	88.37	80.98	69.10	73.60	63.60
UNION TERRITORIES								
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Total	86.63	90.27	82.43	65.50	70.70	58.20
		Rural	84.50	88.53	79.85	62.40	68.40	54.00
		Urban	90.10	93.11	86.63	73.90	76.90	69.70
30	Chandigarh	Total	86.05	89.99	81.19	67.70	71.40	62.20
		Rural	80.75	85.77	73.17	61.00	67.00	51.50
		Urban	86.19	90.11	81.38	67.80	71.50	62.50
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Total	76.24	85.17	64.32	50.80	59.20	39.40
		Rural	64.12	76.40	49.58	38.20	48.80	24.80
		Urban	89.79	93.99	83.38	69.10	73.50	62.50
32	Daman & Diu	Total	87.10	91.54	79.55	62.00	71.10	48.90
		Rural	81.36	89.43	71.93	55.70	66.10	41.40
		Urban	88.96	92.10	82.88	65.50	73.70	53.20
33	NCT of Delhi	Total	86.21	90.94	80.76	65.30	71.10	57.10
		Rural	81.86	89.37	73.10	58.40	67.60	44.60
		Urban	86.32	90.98	80.95	65.50	71.20	57.40
34	Lakshadweep	Total	91.85	95.56	87.95	66.30	72.90	59.10
		Rural	91.58	94.53	88.50	70.70	77.70	64.40
		Urban	91.92	95.84	87.79	64.80	71.50	57.10
35	Puducherry	Total	85.85	91.26	80.67	63.10	70.80	54.00
		Rural	80.10	87.44	73.02	58.40	67.20	47.20
		Urban	88.49	93.03	84.17	65.60	72.70	57.40
