

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

Literacy Rate among SC/ST Women

3786. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the literacy rates among Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) women are still under 50 per cent and 57 per cent respectively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b) As per Census 2011, literacy rates among Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) female, in the age group of 7 and above, are 56.46 per cent and 49.35 per cent respectively. A statement indicating State/UT-wise literacy rates of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) female in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is **annexed**.

(c) In order to improve 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, and including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups.

In addition, SarvaShikshaAbhiyan (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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3786 FOR 19.03.2018 ASKED BY SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY REGARDING “LITERACY RATE AMONG SC/ST WOMEN”

State/UT-wise literacy rates of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) women in the 7+ age group

As per Census, 2011

| Sl. No | India/State/UTs | Literacy Rate of Female | |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | | Scheduled Castes | Scheduled Tribes |
| 00 | INDIA | 56.46 | 49.36 |
| 01 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 54.44 | 40.09 |
| 02 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | * | 57.96 |
| 03 | ASSAM | 70.45 | 65.10 |
| 04 | BIHAR | 38.46 | 40.38 |
| 05 | CHHATTISGARH | 59.86 | 48.76 |
| 06 | GOA | 77.69 | 71.53 |
| 07 | GUJARAT | 69.87 | 53.16 |
| 08 | HARYANA | 56.65 | ** |
| 09 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 71.46 | 64.20 |
| 10 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 60.67 | 39.73 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 44.20 | 46.20 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 56.58 | 52.98 |
| 13 | KERALA | 85.07 | 71.08 |
| 14 | MADHYA PRADESH | 54.70 | 41.47 |
| 15 | MAHARASHTRA | 71.89 | 57.02 |
| 16 | MANIPUR | 68.79 | 67.81 |
| 17 | MEGHALAYA | 61.43 | 73.55 |
| 18 | MIZORAM | 91.04 | 89.47 |
| 19 | NAGALAND | * | 76.91 |
| 20 | ODISHA | 58.76 | 41.20 |
| 21 | PUNJAB | 58.39 | ** |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN | 44.63 | 37.27 |
| 23 | SIKKIM | 72.04 | 74.27 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 65.64 | 46.80 |
| 25 | TRIPURA | 85.98 | 71.59 |
| 26 | UTTAR PRADESH | 48.87 | 43.72 |
| 27 | UTTARAKHAND | 64.05 | 63.89 |
| 28 | WEST BENGAL | 61.23 | 47.71 |
| 29 | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS | * | 69.92 |
| 30 | CHANDIGARH | 68.27 | ** |
| 31 | DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI | 85.03 | 50.27 |
| 32 | DAMAN & DIU | 88.09 | 71.23 |
| 33 | LAKSHADWEEP | * | 87.76 |
| 34 | NCT OF DELHI | 70.01 | ** |
| 35 | PUDUCHERRY | 71.05 | ** |

* There is no Scheduled Caste population in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

** There is no Scheduled Tribe population in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, NCT of Delhi and Puducherry.