

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 5710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL COMMUNITY

5710. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the educational picture of the tribal community is rather disheartening in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in the context of the development of the tribal community, factors such as the literacy rate, gender equality, average enrolment ratio and the rate of dropouts from colleges and universities are disappointing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof in each case?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) to (d): Based on Census figures, all India Scheduled Tribe (ST) literacy rate has increased from 47.1% in 2001 to 59.0% in 2011. ST literacy rate is lower by about 14 percentage points as compared to overall literacy rate (73%) in 2011. However, this gap has narrowed from 22.6 percentage points in 1991 and 17.7 percentage points in 2001 to 14 percentage points in 2011.

As per data published by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for ST students at Senior Secondary (classes XI-XII) level has increased from 35.4% in 2013-14 to 43.1% in 2015-16. Similarly, in respect of Higher Education, GER has increased from 11.3% in 2013-14 to 15.4% in 2016-17. Gender Parity Index (GPI) for ST students at Senior Secondary level has also improved from 0.93 in 2013-14 to 0.97 in 2015-16. At Higher Education level, GPI has increased from 0.81 in 2013-14 to 0.85 in 2016-17. Further, Drop-out rates for ST students at classes I-X have declined from 70.9% in 2010-11 to 62.4% in 2013-14.
