

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

Literacy

†3168. SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA:

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

- (a) whether the literacy rate has increased in the country recently;
- (b) If so, the details of the literacy percentage during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the current percentage of primary, middle, secondary, senior secondary grade literacy in the country separately; and
- (d) whether any efforts have been made/likely to be made to increase literacy rate in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Census 2011 recorded country's literacy rate as 72.98 per cent compared to 64.84 per cent in 2001, showing an increase by 8.14 percentage points. The State/UT-wise details of literacy rates recorded by Census 2001 and 2011 are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) A statement showing the population and the percentage of population educated upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary, graduation and higher levels in the country, as per Census 2011 is at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the 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, since October 2009. The scheme was extended upto 31.03.2018 and ceased to operate from 01.04.2018. The scheme of Saakshar Bharat is proposed to be replaced with a new scheme for Adult Education.

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.

Annexure-I**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3168 FOR 06.08.2018 ASKED BY SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA REGARDING "LITERACY".**

Literacy rate as per Census 2001 and 2011, State/UT-wise and gender-wise

Sl.No	India/ State/ UT*	Literacy Rate (%) 2001			Literacy Rate (%) 2011		
		Person	Males	Females	Person	Males	Females
	India	64.84	75.26	53.67	72.98	80.88	64.63
1	Andhra Pradesh	60.47	70.32	50.43	67.02	74.88	59.15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	54.34	63.83	43.53	65.38	72.55	57.7
3	Assam	63.25	71.28	54.61	72.19	77.85	66.27
4	Bihar	47	59.68	33.12	61.8	71.2	51.5
5	Chhattisgarh	64.66	77.38	51.85	70.28	80.27	60.24
6	Goa	82.01	88.42	75.37	88.7	92.65	84.66
7	Gujarat	69.14	79.66	57.8	78.03	85.75	69.68
8	Haryana	67.91	78.49	55.73	75.55	84.06	65.94
9	Himachal Pradesh	76.48	85.35	67.42	82.8	89.53	75.93
10	Jammu & Kashmir	55.52	66.6	43	67.16	76.75	56.43
11	Jharkhand	53.56	67.3	38.87	66.41	76.84	55.42
12	Karnataka	66.64	76.1	56.87	75.36	82.47	68.08
13	Kerala	90.86	94.24	87.72	94	96.11	92.07
14	Madhya Pradesh	63.74	76.06	50.29	69.32	78.73	59.24
15	Maharashtra	76.88	85.97	67.03	82.34	88.38	75.87
16	Manipur	70.53	80.33	60.53	76.94	83.58	70.26
17	Meghalaya	62.56	65.43	59.61	74.43	75.95	72.89
18	Mizoram	88.8	90.72	86.75	91.33	93.35	89.27
19	Nagaland	66.59	71.16	61.46	79.55	82.75	76.11
20	Odisha	63.08	75.35	50.51	72.87	81.59	64.01
21	Punjab	69.65	75.23	63.36	75.84	80.44	70.73
22	Rajasthan	60.41	75.7	46.85	66.11	79.19	52.12
23	Sikkim	68.81	76.04	60.4	81.42	86.55	75.61
24	Tamil Nadu	73.45	82.42	64.43	80.09	86.77	73.44
25	Tripura	73.19	81.02	64.91	87.22	91.53	82.73
26	Uttar Pradesh	56.27	68.82	42.22	67.68	77.28	57.18
27	Uttarakhand	71.62	83.28	59.63	78.82	87.4	70.01
28	West Bengal	68.64	77.02	59.61	76.26	81.69	70.54
	Union Territory						
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	81.3	86.33	75.24	86.63	90.27	82.43
30	Chandigarh	81.94	86.14	76.47	86.05	89.99	81.19
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	57.63	71.18	40.23	76.24	85.17	64.32
32	Daman & Diu	78.18	86.76	65.61	87.1	91.54	79.55
33	NCT of Delhi	81.67	87.33	74.71	86.21	90.94	80.76
34	Lakshadweep	86.66	92.53	80.47	91.85	95.56	87.95
35	Puducherry	81.24	88.62	73.9	85.85	91.26	80.67

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3168 FOR 06.08.2018 ASKED BY SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA REGARDING “LITERACY”.

Population & Percentage of Population Completed Education Level as per Census 2011

Education Level	Population	% of Population Educated**
Literate without Education level	3,51,53,231	3.36
Below Primary	14,68,97,597	14.04
Primary	18,41,70,833	17.60
Middle	13,39,03,266	12.80
Secondary	10,59,39,743	10.12
Higher Secondary/Intermediate	7,79,42,593	7.45
Technical/Non-Technical but Not Equal to Degree	83,11,008	0.79
Graduation & Above	6,82,88,971	6.53
Unclassified	30,31,570	0.29

** %age based on Population of 7+ Age Group (1,046,339,724)
