

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.966  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

**Female Literacy**

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

- (a) the female literacy rate at present in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Jharkhand ranking;
- (b) the reasons for low female literacy rate in all the States, particularly Maharashtra and Jharkhand; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase female literacy rates in all the States including Maharashtra and Jharkhand?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(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 State/UT and rank-wise female literacy rate in the country including Maharashtra and Jharkhand, as per Census 2011 is **annexed**. The female literacy rates in Jharkhand and Maharashtra are 55.42 per cent and 75.87 per cent respectively compared to the national average female literacy rate of 64.63 per cent. Various factors viz. poverty, gender and social inequities, etc. are impeding female literacy in the country.

(c) 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.

In addition, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 966 FOR 17.12.2018 ASKED BY SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI AND SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK REGARDING "FEMALE LITERACY".

Rank-wise Female Literacy rate in the country, as per the Census 2011

S. No.	Name of States / UTs	Female Literacy Rate
		<b>India</b>
1	Kerala	92.07
2	Mizoram	89.27
3	Lakshadweep	87.95
4	Goa	84.66
5	Tripura	82.73
6	A & N Islands	82.43
7	Chandigarh	81.19
8	NCT of Delhi	80.76
9	Puducherry	80.67
10	Daman & Diu	79.55
11	Nagaland	76.11
12	Himachal Pradesh	75.93
<b>13</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>75.87</b>
14	Sikkim	75.61
15	Tamil Nadu	73.44
16	Meghalaya	72.89
17	Punjab	70.73
18	West Bengal	70.54
19	Manipur	70.26
20	Uttarakhand	70.01
21	Gujarat	69.68
22	Karnataka	68.08
23	Assam	66.27
24	Haryana	65.94
25	D & N Haveli	64.32
26	Odisha	64.01
27	Chhattisgarh	60.24
28	Madhya Pradesh	59.24
29	Andhra Pradesh	59.15
30	Arunachal Pradesh	57.70
31	Uttar Pradesh	57.18
32	Jammu & Kashmir	56.43
<b>33</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>55.42</b>
34	Rajasthan	52.12
35	Bihar	51.50