

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1221**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019

**Women Literacy in Jharkhand**

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SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

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

- (a) the current level of women literacy rate in Jharkhand and level thereof at national level;
- (b) the reasons for low women literacy rate in Jharkhand;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to enhance the women literacy rate in Jharkhand; and
- (d) the details of the success achieved through the measures taken by the Government?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHARIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) 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-wise female literacy rate in the country including Jharkhand, as per Census 2011 is annexed. The female literacy rate in Jharkhand is 55.42 per cent compared to the national average female literacy rate of 64.63 per cent.

(b) Various factors viz poverty, gender and social inequities etc are impeding female literacy in Jharkhand State.

(c) & (d) In order to improve the level of literacy, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in a phased manner since October 2009 in the rural areas of 20 districts in Jharkhand state that have adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009.

Under the Saakshar Bharat Programme, against the overall target of 7 Crore adult literates, around 7.64 Crore learners (including 5.37 crore women) successfully passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018.

In the State of Jharkhand, under the Saakshar Bharat Programme, 41.45 lakh adults (including 25.94 lakh women) were certified as literates, as per NIOS assessment test.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1221 FOR 25.11.2019 ASKED BY SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI AND SHRI PASHUPATI NATH REGARDING “WOMEN LITERACY IN JHARKHAND”.

**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
13	Maharashtra	75.87
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