

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019

Education Programmes for Prisoners

2176. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has associated with State Governments or supported any literacy/ education programmes in prisons during the last three years;
- (b) if so, please provide details of the States, duration of programme, beneficiary prisons, number of beneficiary prisoners and State-wise expenditure; and
- (c) if not, please provide details of any other steps taken by the Government towards literacy in prisons during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) No Sir. In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development 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, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. No specific literacy scheme for prisoners has been implemented.
