

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019

Literacy

†3436. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed the target of achieving hundred percent literacy by eradicating illiteracy from the country by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/ proposed to be taken for this purpose during the last four years;
- (c) whether the Government has provided financial assistance for this purpose during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the present illiteracy rate, State-wise;
- (e) the role of State Governments and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to achieve the target of hundred per cent literacy;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to seek assistance of experts to eradicate illiteracy; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in phased manner since October 2009 in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 states and 1 UT that had adult female literacy rate of 50 percent and below as per Census 2001, and including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rate. The target was to raise the overall literacy rate of the country to 80 per cent and reduce gender gap to 10 percentage point by end of XII five year plan. A statement indicating State and UT wise and gender-wise learners appeared and declared successful in the Basic Literacy Assessment Test conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling between August, 2010 to March, 2018, under Saakshar Bharat Programme is at **Annexure-I**. Overall 7.64 crores learners have been certified as literates.

(c) & (d) A statement indicating the State/UT-wise central financial assistance provided under the scheme of Saakshar Bharat during the last three years is at **Annexure-II**. A Statement indicating State/UT-wise illiteracy rate in the age group of 7 and above in the country as per 2011 Census is at **Annexure-III**.

(e) The literacy programmes are implemented through State Governments/UTs. The NGOs namely State Resource Centers (SRCs) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) also contributed in the literacy activities in the States/UTs. The SRCs provide academic and technical resource support to literacy programmes. This is achieved through organizing training programmes, material development and production, extension activities, innovative projects, research studies and evaluations. The JSSs offer a variety of vocational courses for adult neo-literates such as cutting and tailoring, terracotta work, embroidery, wool knitting, soft toy making, automotive repair, plumbing, beauty culture, health care, food processing and preservation and fashion technology etc. Both of these organizations were financed under a Central Sector Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. The JSS component, with the approval of Cabinet Secretariat, was transferred to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship from the financial year 2018-19.

(f) & (g) Under the Saakshar Bharat Scheme, representatives from various Ministries, eminent educationists, elected representatives, representatives from NGOs, eminent social/literacy activists were members of Governing Body and Executive Committees at the National/State levels for taking policy decisions to improve literacy in the country.

Annexure-I**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3436 FOR 09.12.2019 ASKED BY SHRI AJAY NISHAD REGARDING "LITERACY".****State/UT and gender-wise learners appeared and declared successful in the Basic Literacy Assessment Test under Saakshar Bharat Programme**

Sl. No	Name of the States/UT	Appeared			Successful		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	15,48,201	60,64,440	76,12,641	10,75,971	42,27,170	53,03,140
2	Telangana	15,05,556	54,85,098	69,90,654	10,31,055	36,95,367	47,26,423
3	Arunachal Pradesh	62,324	1,06,385	1,68,709	56,666	95,361	1,52,027
4	Assam	3,25,124	7,13,272	10,38,396	2,21,536	4,90,472	7,12,008
5	Bihar	33,61,730	1,51,90,054	1,85,51,784	27,23,834	1,26,99,622	1,54,23,456
6	Chhattisgarh	14,64,955	26,56,346	41,21,301	11,56,118	21,12,797	32,68,915
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12,757	17,110	29,867	7,495	10,838	18,333
8	Gujarat	6,28,190	10,31,692	16,59,882	4,41,734	6,91,369	11,33,103
9	Haryana	3,71,446	7,83,092	11,54,538	2,51,657	5,29,561	7,81,218
10	Himachal Pradesh	30,876	81,019	1,11,895	19,727	48,511	68,238
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2,96,938	4,60,093	7,57,031	1,92,559	2,85,521	4,78,080
12	Jharkhand	19,28,034	31,47,930	50,75,964	15,50,369	25,94,146	41,44,515
13	Karnataka	22,23,359	44,47,518	66,70,877	18,32,511	35,71,163	54,03,674
14	Madhya Pradesh	18,97,382	28,11,951	47,09,333	15,41,619	22,84,945	38,26,564
15	Maharashtra	4,26,824	6,23,829	10,50,653	2,98,229	4,45,986	7,44,215
16	Manipur	18,823	1,84,804	2,03,627	11,612	1,05,802	1,17,414
17	Meghalaya	31,312	41,778	73,090	21,112	28,521	49,633
18	Nagaland	80,049	1,00,626	1,80,675	56,387	71,646	1,28,033
19	Odisha	11,19,287	14,76,705	25,95,992	5,86,347	7,34,983	13,21,330
20	Punjab	22,908	35,330	58,238	11,822	18,751	30,573
21	Rajasthan	30,29,674	73,35,638	1,03,65,312	24,81,042	58,73,485	83,54,527
22	Sikkim	5,893	20,053	25,946	4,345	13,340	17,685
23	Tamil Nadu	9,36,962	20,00,947	29,37,909	8,02,738	16,99,552	25,02,290
24	Tripura	23,111	35,353	58,464	18,314	29,064	47,378
25	Uttar Pradesh	57,76,951	1,00,75,998	1,58,52,949	44,95,922	76,75,869	1,21,71,791
26	Uttarakhand	1,74,128	5,61,833	7,35,961	1,25,891	3,70,878	4,96,769
27	West Bengal	25,45,689	54,61,427	80,07,116	15,95,596	33,55,065	49,50,661
	Total	2,98,48,483	7,09,50,321	10,07,98,804	2,26,12,208	5,37,59,785	7,63,71,993

Annexure-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3436 FOR 09.12.2019 ASKED BY SHRI AJAY NISHAD REGARDING "LITERACY".

State/UT-wise and year-wise details of central share released during the last three year under Saakshar Bharat Programme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Central Share released		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	1874	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	31.45	234	579.88
3	Assam	0	1033.2	0
4	Bihar	2340	0	525
5	Chhattisgarh	1400.1	1248	0
6	D&N Haveli	29.12	0	0
7	Gujarat	0	0	0
8	Haryana	1002.35	499.2	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	46.8	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	585	2347.2	264.65
11	Jharkhand	630.24	0	600
12	Karnataka	1934.4	312	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	4142.75	1725.25	414.64
14	Maharashtra	0	0	1794.81
15	Manipur	0	117	20.46
16	Meghalaya	0	0	0
17	Nagaland	0	0	0
18	Odisha	153.24	314.76	0
19	Punjab	0	0	0
20	Rajasthan	152.99	2097.6	0
21	Sikkim	0	0	8.05
22	Tamil Nadu	878.66	796.8	0
23	Telangana	1560	2496	0
24	Tripura	0	0	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	5100	3744	0
26	Uttarakhand	0	0	245.48
27	West Bengal	748.8	283.9	0
	Total	20689.1	19167.71	4452.97

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State/UT-wise illiteracy rate in India, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011

Sl.No	India/State/UTs	Illiteracy rate
00	India	27.02
01	Andhra Pradesh (undivided)	32.98
02	Arunachal Pradesh	34.62
03	Assam	27.81
04	Bihar	38.20
05	Chhattisgarh	29.72
06	Goa	11.30
07	Gujarat	21.97
08	Haryana	24.45
09	Himachal Pradesh	17.20
10	Jammu & Kashmir (undivided)	32.84
11	Jharkhand	33.59
12	Karnataka	24.64
13	Kerala	6.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	30.68
15	Maharashtra	17.66
16	Manipur	23.06
17	Meghalaya	25.57
18	Mizoram	8.67
19	Nagaland	20.45
20	Odisha	27.13
21	Punjab	24.16
22	Rajasthan	33.89
23	Sikkim	18.58
24	Tamil Nadu	19.91
25	Tripura	12.78
26	Uttar Pradesh	32.32
27	Uttarakhand	21.18
28	West Bengal	23.74
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.37
30	Chandigarh	13.95
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23.76
32	Daman & Diu	12.90
33	NCT of Delhi	13.79
34	Lakshadweep	8.15
35	Puducherry	14.15
