

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 148
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

Literacy Rate in Jharkhand

***148 Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram:**

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

- (a) the reasons for low literacy rate in Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the Saakshar Bharat Programme has been implemented in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocation to Jharkhand to improve the literacy rate during the last three years;
- (c) the achievements made under the Saakshar Bharat Programme in Jharkhand;
- (d) whether any special provisions have been made to impart education in the left wing extremism affected districts in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any special provisions have been made to impart education to the women and other disadvantaged groups in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 148 FOR 02.03.2020 ASKED BY SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM REGARDING “LITERACY RATE IN JHARKHAND”.**

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

(b) Yes, Saakshar Bharat Programme has been implemented in Jharkhand from 2009 till March 2018. Details of fund allocation to Jharkhand to improve the literacy rate during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Central Share Released	State Share Released	Total funds released
2016-17	6,30,24,000	4,20,16,000	10,50,40,000
2017-18*	--	--	--
2018-19	6,00,00,000	4,00,00,000	10,00,00,000
Grand Total	12,30,24,000	8,20,16,000	20,50,40,000

* The State had a high unspent balance and important information/documents were not furnished by the State, due to which funds could not be released.

(c) In Jharkhand, as per Census 2011, adult literacy rate is 66.41 percent, as compared to the national average adult literacy rate of 72.98 percent. Saakshar Bharat programme covered 410 districts in the country, including 24 districts of Jharkhand.

Basic Literacy Assessment Test was conducted by NIOS to assess the proficiency level of functional literacy skills attained by learners. In Jharkhand, total number of 50,75,964 adult learner appeared in the test and 41,44,515 succeeded (including 25.94 lakh women)

(d)& (e) Under the Saakshar Bharat Programme, districts with female literacy rate of 50 per cent or below (as per 2001 Census) and all districts worst affected by left wing extremist violence, were eligible for coverage under the programme. Accordingly, a total 410 districts, including 30 worst affected left wing extremism (13 in Jharkhand) districts were identified as eligible for coverage under the programme.

The programme achieved 7.64 crore adult literates, (including 5.38 crore women), against the target of 7 crore, as per NIOS Basic Literacy Assessment Test results, till the last test conducted in March 2018. The program covered 1.88 crore SCs, 1.08 crore STs, 75 lakh Minority adult learners who were certified literate. In the state of Jharkhand, 25.94 lakh female and 15.50 lakh male adult learners (total 41.44 lakh adults) were made literate, including 6.95 lakh SC, 12.45 lakh ST and 4.65 lakh minority learners.