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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020

Women Literacy Rate

188. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the rate of women literacy among all groups in rural areas of undivided Andhra Pradesh is just 50 per cent which is not even the national average;
- (b) whether it is also true that the rate of men literacy among all groups in rural areas of undivided Andhra Pradesh is just 69 per cent which is again less than the national average;
- (c) if so, the reasons for this situation inspite of various Government schemes and programmes for literacy;
- (d) whether Saakshar Bharat is not being implemented among the females in AP since its adult female literacy rate is above 50 per cent; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address this issue?

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

(a) to (c) As per Census 2011, the rate of women literacy among all groups in rural areas of undivided Andhra Pradesh in age group of 7 and above is 51.54 per cent compared to the national average of 57.93 per cent. The rate of men literacy among all groups in rural areas of undivided Andhra Pradesh in age group of 7 and above is 69.38 per cent compared to the national average of 77.15 per cent. Various factors viz. poverty, gender and social inequities, etc. are impeding literacy in the country.

(d) & (e) The scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT, including 19 districts in undivided Andhra Pradesh, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 percent and below as per Census 2001, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, from October 2009 to May 2014. After bifurcation of the state in June 2014, the scheme was implemented in 10 districts in Andhra Pradesh and 09 districts in Telangana respectively. As per the results of Learners Assessment test conducted by NIOS, a total of 19,25,102 learners (Male- 3,46,886 and Female – 15,78,216) and 20,31,913 learners (Male- 4,49,497 and Female – 15,82,416) were certified in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana respectively from 2014-15 to 2017-18.
