

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 55  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020

**Literacy Rate**

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

- (a) whether the literacy rate has improved in the country during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of the literacy rate during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the separate percentage of persons who have pursued education upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary and graduation and post graduation;
- (d) whether any effort have been made/proposed to be made to increase the literacy rate in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) 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. Census 2011 recorded literacy rate as 72.98 per cent compared to 64.84 in 2001 and 52.21 per cent in 1991. A statement indicating State/UT and gender-wise literacy rate in the country in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) As per census 2011, separate percentage of persons who have pursued education upto Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary and Graduation & above is given at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) & (e) In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat 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, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups.

In addition, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

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**State/UT and gender-wise literacy rate in the country in the age group of 7 and above, as per census 2011**

S. No.	Name of States / UTs	Literacy Rate		
		Persons	Male	Female
	<b>India</b>	<b>72.98</b>	<b>80.88</b>	<b>64.63</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	67.02	74.88	59.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	65.38	72.55	57.70
3.	Assam	72.19	77.85	66.27
4.	Bihar	61.80	71.20	51.50
5.	Chhattisgarh	70.28	80.27	60.24
6.	Goa	88.70	92.65	84.66
7.	Gujarat	78.03	85.75	69.68
8.	Haryana	75.55	84.06	65.94
9.	Himachal Pradesh	82.80	89.53	75.93
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	67.16	76.75	56.43
11.	Jharkhand	66.41	76.84	55.42
12.	Karnataka	75.36	82.47	68.08
13.	Kerala	94.00	96.11	92.07
14.	Madhya Pradesh	69.32	78.73	59.24
15.	Maharashtra	82.34	88.38	75.87
16.	Manipur	76.94	83.58	70.26
17.	Meghalaya	74.43	75.95	72.89
18.	Mizoram	91.33	93.35	89.27
19.	Nagaland	79.55	82.75	76.11
20.	Odisha	72.87	81.59	64.01
21.	Punjab	75.84	80.44	70.73
22.	Rajasthan	66.11	79.19	52.12
23.	Sikkim	81.42	86.55	75.61
24.	Tamil Nadu	80.09	86.77	73.44
25.	Tripura	87.22	91.53	82.73
26.	Uttar Pradesh	67.68	77.28	57.18
27.	Uttarakhand	78.82	87.40	70.01
28.	West Bengal	76.26	81.69	70.54
29.	A & N Islands	86.63	90.27	82.43
30.	Chandigarh	86.05	89.99	81.19
31.	D & N Haveli	76.24	85.17	64.32
32.	Daman & Diu	87.10	91.54	79.55
33.	Lakshadweep	91.85	95.56	87.95
34.	NCT of Delhi	86.21	90.94	80.76
35.	Puducherry	85.85	91.26	80.67

**Annexure-II**

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**Percentage of persons who have pursued education upto Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary and Graduation & above as per Census 2011**

<b>Total Population (in crore) (7 years &amp; above)</b>	<b>Educational Level</b>	<b>Population (in crore)</b>	<b>Percentage (7+ age group)</b>
104.63	Up to Primary (up to class 7)	33.11	31.64
	Middle (class 8 to 9)	13.39	12.80
	Secondary (class 10 to 11)	10.59	10.12
	Higher Secondary (class 12 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of Graduation)	7.79	7.44
	Graduation & above	6.83	6.53

1. The above information is based on RGI Report of census 2011.
2. As per RGI report, the tabulation categories are as under:

<b>Tabulation Categories</b>	
03	Below Primary
04	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> (Primary)
05	8 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> (Middle)
06	10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> (Secondary)
07	12 <sup>th</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of BA/BSc/BCom (Higher Secondary)
24 and above	Graduation and above

3. Upto Primary includes below Primary and Primary as per RGI report of Census 2011.
4. Separate percentage for Graduate & above given in the table at Annexure-II as the Registrar General of India has not provided the separate data for Graduate and Post-Graduate.

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