

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3007
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021

Funds For National Literacy Mission

†3007. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the fund sanctioned/spent under National Literacy Mission (NLM) during the last 3 years and in current year State/UT-wise;
- (b) the achievement made so far under the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide assistance to those States having lower adult literacy rate among females and to check high dropout rate in school education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government for attaining 100 per cent literacy during the last 3 years and in the current year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b) The scheme of Saakshar Bharat, the latest version of National Literacy Mission was implemented in the rural areas of 404 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. The scheme was extended upto 31.03.2018. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released under the Saakshar Bharat scheme in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is at **Annexure-I**. During the implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, against the overall target of making 7 crore adult non-literates as literates, around 7.64 crore learners, having passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018, were certified as literates. During 2019-20, there was no scheme of Adult Education under implementation.

A new scheme of Adult Education “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” is under implementation during the current financial year 2020-21, with a target of making 57 lakh

adult non-literates as literates. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released under the Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan during the current financial year 2020-21 is at **Annexure-II**.

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 financial 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.

(c) & (d) The new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education namely Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan (PLA) is under implementation during 2020-21 covering, among others, districts with female literacy rates less than 60 per cent as per latest Census.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for various activities to reduce number of dropouts, which include opening/ strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up of residential schools/ hostels, free uniforms, free text books, transport allowance and undertaking enrolment drives, residential as well as non residential trainings, Seasonal Hostels/ residential camps etc. Financial assistance is also provided for Inclusive Education of children with special needs. Also, Mid-Day meal is provided to students at the elementary level of education.

(e) As mentioned in National Education Policy 2020, Government of India is committed to expedite the all-important aim of achieving 100% literacy as soon as possible by strong and innovative government initiatives for adult education - in particular, to facilitate community involvement and the smooth and beneficial integration of technology.

A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released for achieving higher level of literacy rate under the Saakshar Bharat scheme during 2017-18 and 2018-19 and under the “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” scheme during the current financial year 2020-21 are at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3007 FOR 15.03.2021 ASKED BY SHRI VIJAY KUMAR, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "FUNDS FOR NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION".

State/UT-wise and year-wise details of central share released in 2017-18 and 2018-19 under Saakshar Bharat scheme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Central Share released	
		2017-18	2018-19*
1	Andhra Pradesh	1874	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	234	579.88
3	Assam	1033.2	0
4	Bihar	0	525
5	Chhattisgarh	1248	0
6	Haryana	499.2	0
7	Himachal Pradesh	46.8	0
8	Jammu & Kashmir	2347.2	264.65
9	Jharkhand	0	600
10	Karnataka	312	0
11	Madhya Pradesh	1725.25	414.64
12	Maharashtra	0	1794.8
13	Manipur	117	20.46
14	Odisha	314.76	0
15	Rajasthan	2097.6	0
16	Sikkim	0	8.05
17	Tamil Nadu	796.8	0
18	Telangana	2496	0
19	Uttar Pradesh	3744	0
20	Uttarakhand	0	245.48
21	West Bengal	283.9	0
	Total	19167.71	4452.97

* Amount released for making payment of committed liabilities upto 31.03.2018.

Annexure-II

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State/UT-wise details of central share released during the current financial year 2020-21 under Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Total Amount Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	444.60
2	Arunachal Pradesh	113.38
3	Assam	326.25
4	Bihar	578.00
5	Chattisgarh	351.00
6	Gujarat	217.80
7	Haryana	150.60
8	Himachal Pradesh	225.90
9	Jharkhand	284.00
10	Karnataka	444.60
11	Kerala	284.23
12	Madhya Pradesh	445.00
13	Manipur	113.40
14	Meghalaya	113.40
15	Mizoram	85.49
16	Nagaland	113.40
17	Odisha	284.00
18	Punjab	70.20
19	Rajasthan	578.28
20	Sikkim	45.90
21	Tamil Nadu	431.40
22	Telangana	310.80
23	Tripura	113.40
24	Uttar Pradesh	578.00
25	Uttarakhand	426.00
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	94.50
27	Chandigarh	95.00
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	116.50
29	Jammu & Kashmir	105.30
30	Lakshadweep	32.06
31	Ladakh	51.00
32	NCT of Delhi	43.80
33	Puducherry	75.57
	Total	7,742.76
