

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

Education for Tea Tribe Community

3382. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Tea Tribe community is lagging behind in the field of adult education;
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government to develop Adult Training/Education Centres with effective training instructors/educators in Tea gardens of Assam;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce effective and accessible infrastructure and multiple programmes to ensure access for all the people working in the unorganised sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): As per Census 2011 the literacy rate of the Tea Tribe community having a total population of 82 lakh is 46 per cent as compared to the literacy rate of India at 72.98 per cent. The Government of India as well as the Government of Assam had implemented several adult education schemes from time to time, through extension of dedicated Adult Education Centres with trained coordinators and voluntary teachers, such as Total Literacy Campaign, Saakshar Bharat Mission and State Literacy Programme in the state of Assam covering the tea garden areas, inter alia.

(c) & (d): Insofar as adult education is concerned, a new scheme for adult education for implementation both in urban and rural areas of the country during the financial years 2021-2026 is under consideration. The proposed scheme will also cover non-literates of 15 years and above age group of the unorganized sector including the tea garden areas. The scheme has no provision for any additional infrastructure for the same.
