

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

**Education for All**

1291. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government runs any scheme or proposes to run a scheme to educate illiterate/ uneducated adults (15 years or above);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the data for the number of adults or persons 15 years or above who have been educated till date;
- (c) whether the Government runs any scheme particularly for adults in the urban poor populations and if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether any financial assistance or incentives are offered for adults to enroll themselves for education; and
- (e) the details of the subjects taught, duration, cost, and the level of education?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(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 percent 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. 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.

A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” was implemented in rural and urban areas of 33 states/ UTs during the financial year 2020-21, with a target of making 48.16 lakh adult non-literates as literates.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) The programme (Padhna Likhna Abhiyan) entails instructor based teaching of about 120 hours, spread over 4 months or beyond, depending on motivation of the learner and local conditions. Successful completion of the 120 hours of instructional learning would enable the learner to read and comprehend unknown text (newspaper headings, road signs etc); apply skills of writing in day to day activities like writing applications and letters and filling up of application forms, etc., and compute simple problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The level of education is basic literacy and per learner cost is Rs.300/-.

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