

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2503
TO BE ANSWERED ON-13/12/2021

LITERACY RATE OF TRIBAL WOMEN

2503. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the literacy rate of tribal women;
- (b) the details of the State-wise data of ST literacy in 2020;
- (c) the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of STs in both school education and higher education;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any special efforts to increase the GER; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a): Ministry of Education was implementing the scheme of 'Saakshar Bharat' in order to improve literacy rate with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. The scheme was extended upto 31.03.2019. Thereafter, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education "Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan" is being implemented in rural and urban areas of 33 States/ UTs from the financial year 2020-21, which will include tribal women.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is assisting NGOs/VOs to run projects for strengthening education among ST girls in low literacy districts in the country for enhancing the literacy rate of tribal girls.

(b): As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report (July 2019 - June 2020), published by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), literacy rate for Scheduled Tribes in India is 70.6%. However, State-wise details of literacy rates are not available in PLFS report. The State-wise literacy rate for total and literacy rate for female population in respect of Scheduled Tribes as per Census 2011 is given at **Annexure**.

(c): The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Scheduled Tribe Students in school education and higher education is as given below:

Level/Year	Primary (I-V) 6-10 years	Upper Primary (VI-VIII) 11-13 years	Secondary (IX-X) 14-15 years	Higher Education 18-23 years
2019-20	107.11	93.48	76.72	18.0

Source:

For School Education: Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+), Ministry of Education

For Higher Education: All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Report

(d) & (e): The schemes being implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote education including increasing Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) among STs of the country are as under:

- Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)
- Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes
- Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI onwards)
- National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students.
- National Overseas Scholarship for ST students

Further, funds are provided by the Ministry inter-alia for activities related to education sector like addition to existing building infrastructure, construction of coed-residential schools, construction of Girls and Boys Hostels, construction of Ashram schools, vocational training centres in residential schools; IT based education facilities / equipment etc. under the Scheme of 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS) and 'Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India'.

The schemes/programmes being implemented by other Ministries / Departments in this regard include the following:

- Samagra Shiksha
- National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools
- Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)
- National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme
- Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)
- Scholarship for College and University students

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2503 for 13.12.2021 by SHRI RAVIKUMAR D regarding "Literacy Rate of Tribal Women"

Literacy Rate of ST Population: Census 2011

Sl. No	State / UT	Literacy Rates	
		Total	Female
	INDIA	59	49.4
1	Jammu & Kashmir	50.6	39.7
2	Himachal Pradesh	73.6	64.2
3	Uttarakhand	73.9	63.9
4	Rajasthan	52.8	37.3
5	Uttar Pradesh	55.7	43.7
6	Bihar	51.1	40.4
7	Sikkim	79.7	74.3
8	Arunachal Pradesh	64.6	58
9	Nagaland	80	76.9
10	Manipur	72.6	67.8
11	Mizoram	91.5	89.5
12	Tripura	79.1	71.6
13	Meghalaya	74.5	73.5
14	Assam	72.1	65.1
15	West Bengal	57.9	47.7
16	Jharkhand	57.1	46.2
17	Odisha	52.2	41.2
18	Chhattisgarh	59.1	48.8
19	Madhya Pradesh	50.6	41.5
20	Gujarat	62.5	53.2
21	Daman & Diu	78.8	71.2
22	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	61.9	50.3
23	Maharashtra	65.7	57
24	Telangana	49.5	39.4
25	Andhra Pradesh	48.8	40.9
26	Karnataka	62.1	53
27	Goa	79.1	71.5
28	Lakshadweep	91.7	87.8
29	Kerala	75.8	71.1
30	Tamil Nadu	54.3	46.8
31	A & N Islands	75.6	69.9
