

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2872**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

**FEMALE LITERACY RATE**

2872. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of lower female literacy rate in the country and has conducted a study to investigate the reasons for the same;
- (b) if so, the details of the study along with the reasons for the same;
- (c) if not, whether the Government plans to conduct such a research in the country along with the timeline for the same;
- (d) the schemes implemented to promote female education in the country; and
- (e) the details of funds provided thereof for the implementation of the aforementioned schemes, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by the Registrar General of India. The last Census was held in 2011. As per the Census 2011, the female literacy rate in the country, in the age group of 7 and above, is 64.63 per cent.

In order to improve the female literacy rate, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education namely “Saakshar Bharat” 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 up to 31.03.2019. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released as Central Share under the Saakshar Bharat scheme during the implementation period of the scheme, i.e. 2009-10 to 2018-19 is at **Annexure-I**. During the

implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, against the overall target of making 7 crore adult (including 6 crore females) non-literates, as literates, around 7.64 crore learners (including 5.38 crore female), 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 namely “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” is being 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. The scheme has further been extended upto 31.03.2022. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise funds sanctioned/ released as Central share under the Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan during the 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 on School Education which envisages the 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to Senior Secondary levels. The vision of the Scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education from pre-school to senior secondary stage. The Scheme is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education and has now been aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 that is to ensure inclusive and equitable, quality and holistic school education. The scheme was initially approved from 2018-19 to 2020-21 and has now been revised and extended upto 2025-26. A statement indicating details of State/UT-wise central share released under Samagra Shiksha during the last 3 years and current year (from 2018-19 to 31.01.2022) is at **Annexure-III**.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2872 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI JAYADEV GALLA REGARDING “FEMALE LITERACY RATE”.**

**State/UT-wise Central share released during the implementation period of Saakshar Bharat Programme, i.e. 2009-10 to 2018-19.**

| (Rs. in lakh) |                      |  |
|---------------|----------------------|--|
| S. No.        | Name of the State/UT | Central share released during 2009-10 to 2018-19 |
| 1             | Andhra Pradesh       | 50109.2  |
| 2             | Arunachal Pradesh    | 7022.54  |
| 3             | Assam                | 7192.13  |
| 4             | Bihar                | 27488.94   |
| 5             | Chhasttisgarh        | 24352.12   |
| 6             | D&N Haveli           | 47.07  |
| 7             | Gujarat              | 6324.35  |
| 8             | Haryana              | 5406.69  |
| 9             | Himachal Pradesh     | 804.86   |
| 10            | Jammu & Kashmir      | 4809.49  |
| 11            | Jharkhand            | 8818.37  |
| 12            | Karnataka            | 15770.36   |
| 13            | Madhya Pradesh       | 16287.06   |
| 14            | Maharashtra          | 7431.63  |
| 15            | Manipur              | 1406.79  |
| 16            | Meghalaya            | 588.82   |
| 17            | Nagaland             | 1249.57  |
| 18            | Odisha               | 4146.54  |
| 19            | Punjab               | 1561.33  |
| 20            | Rajasthan            | 22004.83   |
| 21            | Sikkim               | 212.36   |
| 22            | Tamil Nadu           | 9088.59  |
| 23            | Telangana            | 9213.00  |
| 24            | Tripura              | 279.04   |
| 25            | Uttar Pradesh        | 42652.46   |
| 26            | Uttarakhand          | 8181.58  |
| 27            | West Bengal          | 7169.07  |
|               | <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>289618.79</b>                                 |

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**Annexure-II**

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

| (Rs. in lakh) |   |                              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Name of the State/UT</b>             | <b>Total Amount Released</b> |
| 1             | Andhra Pradesh                          | 444.60                       |
| 2             | Arunachal Pradesh                       | 113.38                       |
| 3             | Assam                                   | 326.25                       |
| 4             | Bihar                                   | 578.00                       |
| 5             | Chhattisgarh                            | 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<br>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                        |
|               | <b>Total</b>                            | <b>7,742.76</b>              |

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**Annexure-III**

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**State/UT-wise details of central share released during the last three years and the current year (from 2018-19 till 31.01.2022) under Samagra Shiksha.**

**(Rs. In lakhs)**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of the State/ UT</b> | <b>Amount released during 2018-19</b> | <b>Amount released during 2019-20</b> | <b>Amount released during 2020-21</b> | <b>Amount released during 2021-22 (till 31.01.2022)</b> |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1              | A & N Islands                | 2180.33                               | 3093.94                               | 4037.43                               | 2552.29   |
| 2              | Andhra Pradesh               | 95096.76                              | 105996.21                             | 86975.09                              | 47083.57  |
| 3              | Arunachal Pradesh            | 33048.80                              | 34717.07                              | 33964.52                              | 10421.89  |
| 4              | Assam                        | 157072.23                             | 152100.38                             | 159429.09                             | 114195.94   |
| 5              | Bihar                        | 305837.73                             | 326693.12                             | 282822.81                             | 246106.58   |
| 6              | Chandigarh                   | 7714.56                               | 6371.14                               | 7115.42                               | 5736.94   |
| 7              | Chhattisgarh                 | 88206.43                              | 101322.73                             | 35068.41                              | 27619.79  |
| 8              | Dadra & N. Haveli            | 3462.38                               | 3835.33                               | 3493.77                               | 1631.23   |
| 9              | Daman & Diu                  | 631.22                                | 924.44                                |                                       |   |
| 10             | Delhi                        | 13981.74                              | 25698.06                              | 14926.44                              | 7420.07   |
| 11             | Goa                          | 1353.03                               | 1525.39                               | 1788.38                               | 410.13  |
| 12             | Gujarat                      | 67089.16                              | 115286.16                             | 97632.80                              | 64916.25  |
| 13             | Haryana                      | 57841.95                              | 61846.56                              | 74570.72                              | 35653.1   |
| 14             | Himachal Pradesh             | 43295.44                              | 47315.93                              | 49230.46                              | 18934.84  |
| 15             | Jammu & Kashmir              | 171776.09                             | 74028.22                              | 38557.43                              | 25930.62  |
| 16             | Jharkhand                    | 68596.00                              | 91426.74                              | 86561.21                              | 62311.33  |
| 17             | Karnataka                    | 62784.00                              | 73032.69                              | 61010.01                              | 43933.27  |
| 18             | Kerala                       | 25604.99                              | 21420.28                              | 23838.59                              | 14691.25  |
| 19             | Ladakh                       | 0.00                                  | 4147.17                               | 5806.39                               | 1268.52   |
| 20             | Lakshadweep                  | 265.06                                | 728.11                                | 254.63                                | 166.91  |
| 21             | Madhya Pradesh               | 243783.65                             | 256144.65                             | 246219.48                             | 156770.08   |
| 22             | Maharashtra                  | 95051.92                              | 73423.81                              | 63559.58                              | 24505.14  |
| 23             | Manipur                      | 25202.02                              | 27363.08                              | 32364.84                              | 14992.36  |
| 24             | Meghalaya                    | 23784.61                              | 32311.14                              | 28355.68                              | 20895.73  |
| 25             | Mizoram                      | 14630.41                              | 16813.38                              | 18855.02                              | 4985.19   |
| 26             | Nagaland                     | 19766.33                              | 19047.59                              | 21347.11                              | 4702.21   |
| 27             | Odisha                       | 123021.50                             | 189289.15                             | 130145.67                             | 91530.15  |
| 28             | Puducherry                   | 804.88                                | 786.54                                | 972.44                                | 958.74  |
| 29             | Punjab                       | 44400.00                              | 46239.27                              | 53143.13                              | 38895.85  |
| 30             | Rajasthan                    | 262721.45                             | 291132.13                             | 225943.67                             | 170921.73   |
| 31             | Sikkim                       | 6624.19                               | 11040.54                              | 6451.72                               | 6734.25   |
| 32             | Tamil Nadu                   | 147444.01                             | 176912.17                             | 162153.74                             | 115677.66   |
| 33             | Telangana                    | 68840.41                              | 109524.00                             | 34807.36                              | 55327.91  |
| 34             | Tripura                      | 24896.49                              | 23492.36                              | 40371.19                              | 15368.03  |
| 35             | Uttar Pradesh                | 462541.04                             | 498559.56                             | 457185.61                             | 103779.32   |
| 36             | Uttarakhand                  | 51138.26                              | 51187.76                              | 54149.33                              | 24599.83  |
| 37             | West Bengal                  | 108934.52                             | 157905.49                             | 132743.02                             | 97346.54  |
|                | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>2929423.59</b>                     | <b>3232682.27</b>                     | <b>2775852.18</b>                     | <b>1678975.24</b>                                       |

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