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New India Literacy Programme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the New India Literacy Programme (NILP) with target of achieving 95% literacy rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the strategy adopted and achievements made by the Government so far;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated any funds for achieving the targets by 2027; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e) The New India Literacy Programme (NILP) popularly known as ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, is being implemented from FY 2022-23 to 2026-27. The scheme aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and targets to cover 5.00 crore non-literates aged 15 years and above who have missed formal schooling and provide educational opportunities to them and to make them literate. The scheme is implemented in a hybrid mode, allowing States/UTs the flexibility to adopt offline or online mode focusing on imparting foundational literacy and numeracy including critical life skills, digital & financial literacy. ULLAS works with the vision of making Bharat 'Jan Jan Saakshar', driven by Kartavyabodh (a sense of duty), utilising school platforms and community engagement

through volunteerism to achieve full literacy. The learning can take place at Samajik Chetna Kendras which can be at places like government-aided and unaided schools, Panchayat Bhavans, Community Halls, Higher Education Institutes, etc. To provide academic and resource support, a dedicated National Centre for Literacy (NCL) has been established at NCERT. Institutions such as UGC, AICTE, and NCTE are supporting the ULLAS scheme in a comprehensive manner by offering credits to volunteers of ULLAS.

A dedicated ULLAS Mobile App has been created for registering learners and volunteer teachers which also enables teaching learning process by providing access to ULLAS primers in all official languages. Till now, over 1.6 crore learners and more than 38 lakh volunteer teachers have registered on the app.

The Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) is an evaluation under the ULLAS scheme designed to assess basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills in non-literate individuals, certifying them as “neo-literates” upon successful completion. More than 1 crore learners have appeared in the FLNAT so far. The UT of Ladakh has declared itself as the first administrative unit of India to achieve Full Functional Literacy under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.

The scheme is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for which total financial outlay for five years (FYs 2022-23 to FYs 2026-27) is Rs.1037.90 crore which includes Rs.700 crore as Central share and Rs.337.90 crore as State share.
