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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1774
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Female Literacy Rate

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of female literacy rate in the country during the year 2023-24, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;
- (b) the reasons for the low female literacy rate in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to make women aware of education and increase the literacy rate in the country during the year 2023-24, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The details of the female literacy rate as per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2023-24 in the country, States/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are given at **Annexure-I**. Multiple factors like accumulated backlog of non-literates, poverty, gender and social category inequalities etc. affect the literacy scenario of the country.

(c) In order to improve the literacy rate including women literacy rate among adults in the country, the Government of India has introduced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram (NILP), popularly known as ULLAS: Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society from 1st April, 2022 upto 2027. The scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, targets adults (aged 15 years and above) who couldn't go to school. The scheme has five components, namely: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Basic Education, (iv) Vocational Skills, and (v) Continuing Education.

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 scheme focuses on rural areas, educationally backward areas, women and other vulnerable communities etc.

A dedicated ULLAS Mobile App has been developed for registering learners and volunteer teachers and also enables teaching learning process by providing access to primers in 26 languages. Till date, more than 2 Crore learners have been registered through ULLAS Mobile App and more than 1.1 Crore learners have already appeared in the Literacy Test named Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) across the country.

Uttar Pradesh is also implementing the scheme and more than 13.22 lakh learners have been registered under the ULLAS scheme. Uttar Pradesh has conducted its four FLNAT in which more than 6.10 Lakh Learners have appeared in the examination. The State of Bihar has not implemented the ULLAS scheme yet.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1774 FOR 10.03.2025 ASKED BY SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING FEMALE LITERACY RATE

State/UT-wise Female Literacy Rate (in per cent) in the Country

Sl.No.	State/UT	2023-24
	all India	74.6
1	Andhra Pradesh	66.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	80.3
3	Assam	83.6
4	Bihar	66.1
5	Chhattisgarh	70.6
6	Delhi	81.5
7	Goa	90.0
8	Gujarat	77.5
9	Haryana	77.4
10	Himachal Pradesh	83.1
11	Jharkhand	70.6
12	Karnataka	77.3
13	Kerala	94.0
14	Madhya Pradesh	67.0
15	Maharashtra	81.6
16	Manipur	89.7
17	Meghalava	93.5
18	Mizoram	97.0
19	Nagaland	94.1
20	Odisha	73.3
21	Punjab	79.8
22	Rajasthan	65.8
23	Sikkim	79.3
24	Tamil Nadu	81.3
25	Telangana	69.4
26	Tripura	91.6
27	Uttarakhand	77.2
28	Uttar Pradesh	70.4
29	West Bengal	79.3
30	Andaman & N Island	87.0
31	Chandigarh	90.7
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	80.7
33	Jammu & Kashmir	73.8
34	Ladakh	73.1
35	Lakshadweep	94.8
36	Puducherry	88.8

*For the year 2023-24 Chandigarh entire area has been considered as urban for the survey

Source of Data - Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation
