

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

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 7**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**LITERACY RATE**

†\*7. Mrs Ruchi Vira:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the average literacy rate of Uttar Pradesh is seventy-six per cent whereas the average literacy rate in Moradabad Lok Sabha Constituency is sixty-three per cent out of which the literacy rate of women is merely forty-seven per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of various schemes being run by the Government to facilitate the Right to Education of women in the country; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the literacy rate of women during the last ten years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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VIRA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "LITERACY RATE"**

(a) : As per Census 2011, the literacy rate of Uttar Pradesh was 67.68 percent whereas the average literacy rate in Moradabad district was 56.77 percent in which the literacy rate of women was 47.86 percent. As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in 2023-24, the literacy rate of Uttar Pradesh is 78.2 percent in which literacy rate of women in Uttar Pradesh is 70.4 percent.

(b) and (c): The Right to Education in India, as provisioned under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, ensures that all children aged 6-14 years, including girls, have access to free and compulsory education. The Department of School Education & Literacy is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Samagra Shiksha in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, to provide quality education from early childhood care and education (ECCE) to Class 12. The scheme emphasizes equitable access and an inclusive classroom environment for all children including girls.

Additionally, the PM POSHAN scheme supports children nutritional needs by providing hot cooked meals to students from pre-primary to Class VIII, thereby encouraging school attendance and learning outcomes. These measures collectively strengthen the educational framework and uphold the right to education for every child, including girls which has contributed for betterment of school education including women literacy across the country.

Further, in order to improve the literacy rate among adults, including women, in the country, various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for Adult Education have been implemented like Saakshar Bharat, Padhna Likhna Abhiyan and ULLAS- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, in last 10 years.

**Saakshar Bharat:** The scheme was implemented from 2009 to 2018 in 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, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups. During the implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, around 7.64 crore learners were certified as literates.

**Padhna Likhna Abhiyan:** A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education “Padhna Likhna Abhiyan” was implemented in the Country during the financial year 2020-22, in which around 48.16 lakh were made literate.

**Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society(ULLAS)- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:** The Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), namely, “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” to align with the National Education Policy 2020, from 2022-2027 to support all the States and Union Territories in promoting literacy among non-literates across the country. The scheme focuses on rural areas, educationally backward areas, women and other vulnerable communities etc.

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.

Till date, more than 1.7 crore learners, including 1.2 crore women, have appeared in the Literacy Test - Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) across the country. Four States/UT namely Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa and Tripura have become fully literate under ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.

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