

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2384
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

Literacy Rate in India

2384. **Dr. M K Vishnu Prasad :**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of districts declared as complete literate in the country, State/UT and district-wise;
- (b) the details of percentage of literate people in the country as on date, State/UT-wise and district-wise in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to solve the problem of illiteracy in the country; and
- (d) the details of the percentage of literacy in the country on a global scale?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) : The Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” popularly known as ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, from 2022-2027 to support all the States and Union Territories, including Tamil Nadu, in promoting literacy among non-literates across the country. The Scheme targets non-literates aged 15 years and above who have missed formal schooling and provide educational opportunities to them to make them literate.

In context with ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram the Literacy is defined as the ability to read, write, and compute with comprehension, i.e. to identify, understand, interpret and create, along with critical life skills such as digital literacy, financial literacy, etc.

The criterion for declaring a State/UT fully literate is achieving a literacy rate of 95% or above. Till now, Five States/UTs Ladakh (2024), Mizoram (2025), Goa (2025), Tripura (2025), and Himachal Pradesh (2025) have achieved full literacy under ULLAS.

The details of State/UT-wise percentage of literate people in the Country as per PLFS Report 2023-24 is at Annexure.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2384 FOR 15.12.2025 ASKED BY DR. M K VISHNU PRASAD, HON'BLE MP REGARDING “LITERACY RATE IN INDIA”.

State/UT-wise Literacy Rate (in per cent) in the age group of 7 and above, as per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), Annual Report 2023-24 conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

Sl. No.	States/UT	Literacy Rate for 2023-24	As on date Literacy Rate
1.	Andhra Pradesh	72.60	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	84.20	-
3.	Assam	87.00	-
4.	Bihar	74.30	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	78.50	-
6.	Delhi	86.90	-
7.	Goa	93.60	99.72%
8.	Gujarat	84.60	-
9.	Haryana	84.80	-
10.	Himachal Pradesh	88.80	99.30%
11.	Jharkhand	76.70	-
12.	Karnataka	82.70	-
13.	Kerala	95.30	-
14.	Madhya Pradesh	75.20	-
15.	Maharashtra	87.30	-
16.	Manipur	92.00	-
17.	Meghalaya	94.20	-
18.	Mizoram	98.20	98.20%
19.	Nagaland	95.70	-
20.	Odisha	79.00	-
21.	Punjab	83.40	-
22.	Rajasthan	75.80	-
23.	Sikkim	84.70	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	85.50	-
25.	Telangana	76.90	-
26.	Tripura	93.70	95.60%
27.	Uttarakhand	83.80	-
28.	Uttar Pradesh	78.20	-
29.	West Bengal	82.60	-
30.	Andaman & N. Island	91.10	-
31.	Chandigarh	93.70	-
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	87.80	-
33.	Jammu & Kashmir	82.00	-
34.	Ladakh	81.00	97.00%
35.	Lakshadweep	97.30	-
36.	Puducherry	92.70	-
	All India	80.90	-
