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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3975
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.08.2015

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CASTE CENSUS

3975. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of **RURAL DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has released Socio-Economic and Caste Census-2011 report recently and found that 36% of 884 million people in rural areas are illiterates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the performance within States is hugely varied with an alarming 47.6% of 'Rural Rajasthanis' remaining illiterates compared to 9.3% in Lakshadweep;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has decided/proposes to decide to give extra financial assistance to bridge this huge gap?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): On July 3, 2015, Government released (online) the provisional data from the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 for Rural India. The Report of the SECC 2011 is available on <http://secc.gov.in>. State/UT-wise detail on persons reporting as illiterates is given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. 47.58 percent have been reported as illiterates in rural Rajasthan as compared to 9.30% in rural Lakshadweep.

(e): Ministry of Rural Development has decided to use the SECC 2011 data for implementing its rural development programmes.

**Annexure referred to in part (b) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 3975 for answer on 13.08.2015.**

State/UT-wise details on persons reporting as illiterates in SECC 2011.

Sl.No.	STATES/UTS	TOTAL POPULATION	NO. OF ILLITERATES	% ILLITERATES
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	8819420	3485844	39.52%
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	5934315	1308396	22.05%
3	PUNJAB	16860394	5371378	31.86%
4	HARYANA	16035620	5495399	34.27%
5	BIHAR	97800902	42890099	43.85%
6	WEST BENGAL	70768606	23760813	33.58%
7	JHARKHAND	27379909	10761754	39.31%
8	ODISHA	36289698	12661830	34.89%
9	RAJASTHAN	54409906	25888435	47.58%
10	GUJARAT	34546108	10713738	31.01%
11	MAHARASHTRA	62805087	16931856	26.96%
12	GOA	944365	145629	15.42%
13	TELANGANA	23630222	9550430	40.42%
14	ANDHRA PRADESH	35924522	13598342	37.85%
15	KARNATAKA	38183375	12041747	31.54%
16	KERALA	27030931	3075937	11.38%
17	TAMILNADU	39588668	10443614	26.38%
18	UTTARAKHAND	7231745	1837234	25.41%
19	UTTAR PRADESH	162505664	62044821	38.18%
20	CHHATTISGARH	19514012	7724757	39.59%
21	MADHYA PRADESH	51605697	22805527	44.19%
22	SIKKIM	412574	83016	20.12%
23	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	949428	373221	39.31%
24	NAGALAND	1459531	433922	29.73%
25	MANIPUR	2361129	622281	26.36%
26	MIZORAM	528466	133704	25.30%
27	TRIPURA	2978829	658124	22.09%
28	MEGHALAYA	2564719	856605	33.40%
29	ASSAM	28451916	9121670	32.06%
30	CHANDIGARH	66077	18758	28.39%
31	NCT OF DELHI	5103887	693163	13.58%
32	DAMAN AND DIU	127453	22281	17.48%
33	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	214842	77965	36.29%
34	LAKSHADWEEP	64009	5953	9.30%
35	PUDUCHERRY	474182	94347	19.90%
36	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	269154	54341	20.19%
	All India	883835362	315786931	35.73%