

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1363  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.12.2015

**Literacy Rate**

†1363. SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the literacy rate has risen in the country during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of the comparative percentage of literacy across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the percentage of population educated upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary, graduation and higher levels in the country, at present;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make any efforts to raise the literacy rate in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

- (a) & (b) Census 2011 recorded country's literacy rate as 72.98 per cent compared to 64.84 per cent in 2001, showing an increase by 8.14 percentage points. The State/UT-wise details of literacy rates recorded by Census 2001 and 2011 are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) A statement showing the population and the percentage of population educated upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary, graduation and higher levels in the country, as per Census 2011 is at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) & (e) The Government have enacted The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and launched Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to raise the literacy level, in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and above, respectively in the country.

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**Annexure-I****STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363 FOR 7.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI RAVINDER KUSHAWAHA REGARDING "LITERACY RATE".**

Literacy rate as per Census 2001 and 2011, State/UT-wise and gender-wise

Sl. No	India/ State/ UT*	Literacy Rate (%)			Literacy Rate (%)		
		2001			2011		
		Person	Males	Females	Person	Males	Females
	<b>India</b>	<b>64.84</b>	<b>75.26</b>	<b>53.67</b>	<b>72.98</b>	<b>80.88</b>	<b>64.63</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	60.47	70.32	50.43	67.02	74.88	59.15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	54.34	63.83	43.53	65.38	72.55	57.7
3	Assam	63.25	71.28	54.61	72.19	77.85	66.27
4	Bihar	47	59.68	33.12	61.8	71.2	51.5
5	Chhattisgarh	64.66	77.38	51.85	70.28	80.27	60.24
6	Goa	82.01	88.42	75.37	88.7	92.65	84.66
7	Gujarat	69.14	79.66	57.8	78.03	85.75	69.68
8	Haryana	67.91	78.49	55.73	75.55	84.06	65.94
9	Himachal Pradesh	76.48	85.35	67.42	82.8	89.53	75.93
10	Jammu & Kashmir	55.52	66.6	43	67.16	76.75	56.43
11	Jharkhand	53.56	67.3	38.87	66.41	76.84	55.42
12	Karnataka	66.64	76.1	56.87	75.36	82.47	68.08
13	Kerala	90.86	94.24	87.72	94	96.11	92.07
14	Madhya Pradesh	63.74	76.06	50.29	69.32	78.73	59.24
15	Maharashtra	76.88	85.97	67.03	82.34	88.38	75.87
16	Manipur	70.53	80.33	60.53	76.94	83.58	70.26
17	Meghalaya	62.56	65.43	59.61	74.43	75.95	72.89
18	Mizoram	88.8	90.72	86.75	91.33	93.35	89.27
19	Nagaland	66.59	71.16	61.46	79.55	82.75	76.11
20	Odisha	63.08	75.35	50.51	72.87	81.59	64.01
21	Punjab	69.65	75.23	63.36	75.84	80.44	70.73
22	Rajasthan	60.41	75.7	46.85	66.11	79.19	52.12
23	Sikkim	68.81	76.04	60.4	81.42	86.55	75.61
24	Tamil Nadu	73.45	82.42	64.43	80.09	86.77	73.44
25	Tripura	73.19	81.02	64.91	87.22	91.53	82.73
26	Uttar Pradesh	56.27	68.82	42.22	67.68	77.28	57.18
27	Uttarakhand	71.62	83.28	59.63	78.82	87.4	70.01
28	West Bengal	68.64	77.02	59.61	76.26	81.69	70.54
	<b>Union Territory</b>						
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	81.3	86.33	75.24	86.63	90.27	82.43
30	Chandigarh	81.94	86.14	76.47	86.05	89.99	81.19
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	57.63	71.18	40.23	76.24	85.17	64.32
32	Daman & Diu	78.18	86.76	65.61	87.1	91.54	79.55
33	NCT of Delhi	81.67	87.33	74.71	86.21	90.94	80.76
34	Lakshadweep	86.66	92.53	80.47	91.85	95.56	87.95
35	Puducherry	81.24	88.62	73.9	85.85	91.26	80.67

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Population & Percentage of Population Completed Education Level as per Census 2011

Education Level	Population	% of Population Educated**
Literate without Education level	3,51,53,231	3.36
Below Primary	14,68,97,597	14.04
Primary	18,41,70,833	17.60
Middle	13,39,03,266	12.80
Secondary	10,59,39,743	10.12
Higher Secondary/Intermediate	7,79,42,593	7.45
Technical/Non-Technical but Not Equal to Degree	83,11,008	0.79
Graduation & Above	6,82,88,971	6.53
Unclassified	30,31,570	0.29

\*\* %age based on Population of 7+ Age Group (1,046,339,724)

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