

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3508  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015

**Low Literacy Pockets**

3508. SHRI B.N.CHANDRAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the low literacy areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any special plan to provide adequate infrastructure to improve literacy in such locations in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and the expenditure made so far in this regard, State/location-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) A statement indicating State-wise names of the districts that had literacy rate and female literacy rate below 50 per cent, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d) Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is meant to bring effective improvement in adult literacy. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 is being implemented for universalisation of elementary education for all children in the 6-14 age group.

Saakshar Bharat is being implemented in rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one Union Territory (UT) that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates. Under the programme, Adult Education Centres (AECs) have been set up at the rate of one in each gram panchayat, to function as the focal point for carrying out all the activities at grass-root level. A statement indicating State/UT-wise approved project cost, funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred, as reported by the State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs), up to 31.10.2015 under Saakshar Bharat Programme is at **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3508 FOR 21.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA REGARDING “LOW LITERACY POCKETS”.**

**(a) Low Literacy Rate districts (below 50 percent) in the age group of 7 and above as per Census 2011**

Sl. No	State/UT	District Name	Literacy Rate
1.	<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH (1)</b>	Kurung Kumey	48.75
2.	<b>CHHATTISGARH (3)</b>	Bijapur	40.86
3.		Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	42.12
4.		Narayanpur	48.62
5.	<b>JHARKHAND (1)</b>	Pakur	48.82
6.	<b>MADHYA PRADESH (3)</b>	Alirajpur	36.10
7.		Jhabua	43.30
8.		Barwani	49.08
9.	<b>ODISHA (4)</b>	Nabarangapur	46.43
10.		Malkangiri	48.54
11.		Koraput	49.21
12.		Rayagada	49.76
13.	<b>UTTAR PRADESH (3)</b>	Shrawasti	46.74
14.		Bahraich	49.36
15.		Balrampur	49.51

**(b) 98 Low Female Literacy Rate districts having female literacy rate below 50 per cent in the age group of 7 and above as per Census 2011**

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Districts	Literacy Rate Female
1.	<b>ANDHRA PRADESH (3)</b>	Mahbubnagar	44.72
2.		Kurnool	49.78
3.		Vizianagaram	49.87
4.	<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH (5)</b>	Changlang	49.84
5.		Tirap	41.89
6.		Kurung Kumey	42.64
7.		Anjaw	43.71
8.		Tawang	46.53
9.	<b>BIHAR (17)</b>	Saharsa	41.68
10.		Madhepura	41.74
11.		Purnia	42.34
12.		Sitamarhi	42.41
13.		Araria	43.93
14.		Katihar	44.39
15.		Pashchim Champaran	44.69
16.		Supaul	44.77
17.		Purbi Champaran	45.12

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>Literacy Rate Female</b>
18.		Darbhangha	45.24
19.		Sheohar	45.26
20.		Madhubani	46.16
21.		Kishanganj	46.76
22.		Jamui	47.28
23.		Banka	47.66
24.		Nawada	48.86
25.		Khagaria	49.56
26.	<b>CHHATTISGARH (5)</b>	Bijapur	31.11
27.		Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	32.54
28.		Narayanpur	39.88
29.		Bastar	44.26
30.		Kabeerdham	48.71
31.	<b>GUJARAT (1)</b>	Dohad	47.65
32.	<b>HARYANA (1)</b>	Mewat	36.60
33.	<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR (8)</b>	Ramban	38.04
34.		Kishtwar	42.36
35.		Bandipore	44.34
36.		Badgam	44.85
37.		Ganderbal	45.71
38.		Reasi	46.59
39.		Kulgam	48.49
40.		Doda	49.69
41.	<b>JHARKHAND (9)</b>	Pakur	40.52
42.		Sahibganj	43.31
43.		Godda	44.14
44.		Pashchimi Singhbhum	46.25
45.		Garhwa	47.58
46.		Latehar	48.68
47.		Giridih	48.72
48.		Dumka	48.82
49.		Chatra	49.92
50.	<b>KARNATAKA (2)</b>	Yadgir	41.38
51.		Raichur	48.73
52.	<b>MADHYA PRADESH (9)</b>	Alirajpur	30.29
53.		Jhabua	33.77
54.		Barwani	42.39
55.		Sheopur	44.23
56.		Singrauli	48.53
57.		Dhar	48.77
58.		Shivpuri	48.79
59.		Rajgarh	48.95
60.		Tikamgarh	49.97
61.	<b>ODISHA (7)</b>	Nabarangapur	35.80
62.		Malkangiri	38.28
63.		Koraput	38.55

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Districts	Literacy Rate Female
64.		Rayagada	39.19
65.		Gajapati	43.18
66.		Nuapada	44.76
67.		Kalahandi	46.68
68.	<b>RAJASTHAN (18)</b>	Jalor	38.47
69.		Jaisalmer	39.71
70.		Sirohi	39.73
71.		Barmer	40.63
72.		Pratapgarh	42.35
73.		Banswara	43.06
74.		Tonk	45.45
75.		Dungarpur	46.16
76.		Chittaurgarh	46.53
77.		Jhalawar	46.53
78.		Bundi	46.55
79.		Bhilwara	47.21
80.		Sawai Madhopur	47.51
81.		Nagaur	47.82
82.		Rajsamand	47.95
83.		Pali	48.01
84.		Udaipur	48.45
85.		Karauli	48.61
86.	<b>UTTAR PRADESH (13)</b>	Shrawasti	34.78
87.		Balrampur	38.43
88.		Bahraich	39.18
89.		Budaun	40.09
90.		Rampur	44.44
91.		Gonda	47.09
92.		Siddharthnagar	47.41
93.		Moradabad	47.86
94.		Bareilly	48.30
95.		Kaushambi	48.56
96.		Mahrajganj	48.92
97.		Kanshiram Nagar	49.00
98.		Shahjahanpur	49.57

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**Annexure-II**

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**State/UT-wise approved project cost, funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred as reported by the State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs) up to 31.10.2015 under Saakshar Bharat Programme.**

(Rs. in Crore)				
Sl. No.	State/UT	Approved Project Cost	Funds Sanctioned	Expenditure reported by SLMAs
1	Andhra Pradesh	463.16	355.36	300.78
2	Telangana	414.07	323.14	270.66
3	Arunachal Pradesh	70.41	66.15	65.83
4	Assam	111.51	68.43	48.65
5	Bihar	528.82	328.32	256.22
6	Chhattisgarh	308.05	269.39	239.06
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.80	0.24	0.23
8	Gujarat	221.50	63.52	52.74
9	Haryana	98.35	52.07	45.59
10	Himachal Pradesh	11.12	8.58	8.01
11	Jammu & Kashmir	55.01	11.83	8.12
12	Jharkhand	225.18	101.18	72.72
13	Karnataka	248.48	180.32	142.17
14	Madhya Pradesh	422.75	98.45	89.31
15	Maharashtra	227.44	75.16	26.43
16	Manipur	14.66	14.17	12.16
17	Meghalaya	13.41	4.02	3.97
18	Nagaland	14.56	12.39	9.18
19	Odisha	119.99	37.69	22.55
20	Punjab	69.39	20.82	0.00
21	Rajasthan	451.73	251.72	216.96
22	Sikkim	2.40	1.44	1.16
23	Tamil Nadu	141.91	98.84	85.86
24	Tripura	3.55	2.29	2.23
25	Uttar Pradesh	1455.31	450.78	262.49
26	Uttarakhand	107.08	97.91	82.35
27	West Bengal	166.64	80.86	61.44
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,967.29</b>	<b>3,075.07</b>	<b>2,386.88</b>

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