

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2015**

413. CONDITION OF SCHEDULED CASTES

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the social and economic condition of Scheduled Castes in the country varies from State to State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu are far better off than forward castes in Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The State-Wise details regarding population below the poverty line, literacy and gross enrolment ratio of higher education pertaining to Scheduled Castes are enclosed in Annexure A, B & C respectively.
- (c): The position of 'Scheduled Castes' of Tamil Nadu is better than the 'Others' (Non SCs/STs) of Jharkhand in terms of literacy rate and Gross Enrolment Ratio for higher education.
- (d): The literacy rate for 'Scheduled Castes' was 73.3% in Tamil Nadu and the same was 66.4% for 'All categories' in case of Jharkhand as per Census 2011. The Gross Enrolment Ratio for 'Scheduled Castes' was 29.9% in case of Tamil Nadu and the same was 10.1% for 'All categories' for Jharkhand during 2012-13.

However, the Scheduled Castes population below the poverty line in rural area of Tamil Nadu was 31.2% whereas the same was 37.1% for 'Others' (Non SCs/STs/OBCs) in Jharkhand. In case of urban areas, Scheduled Castes population below poverty line was much higher 40.2% in Tamil Nadu compared to 9.2% in Jharkhand for 'Others' (Non SCs/STs/OBCs) as per the estimates of poverty release by the Planning Commission in 2004-05.

Annexure- A**STATE-WISE PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE FOR
'OTHERS' AND 'SCHEDULED CASTES' IN INDIA 2004-05**

Sl No.	States	% of Persons below Poverty Line			
		Rural		Urban	
		Others	SCs	Others	SCs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4.1	15.4	20.6	39.9
2.	Assam	25.4	27.7	4.2	8.6
3.	Bihar	26.6	64.0	18.3	67.2
4.	Chhattisgarh	29.2	32.7	21.4	52.0
5.	NCT of Delhi	10.6	0.0	6.4	35.8
6.	Gujarat	4.8	21.8	7.0	16.0
7.	Haryana	4.2	26.8	5.9	33.4
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.4	19.6	2.0	5.6
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.3	5.2	7.8	13.7
10.	Jharkhand	37.1	57.9	9.2	47.2
11.	Karnataka	13.6	31.8	20.3	50.6
12.	Kerala	6.6	21.6	7.8	32.5
13.	Madhya Pradesh	13.4	42.8	20.8	67.3
14.	Maharashtra	18.9	44.8	26.8	43.2
15.	Odisha	23.4	50.2	28.9	72.6
16.	Punjab	2.2	14.6	2.9	16.1
17.	Rajasthan	8.2	28.7	20.7	52.1
18.	Tamil Nadu	19.1	31.2	6.5	40.2
19.	Uttar Pradesh	19.7	44.8	19.2	44.9
20.	Uttarakhand	33.5	54.2	25.5	65.7
21.	West Bengal	16.1	29.5	13.0	28.5
	Total	16.1	36.8	16.0	39.9

Source: Planning Commission, New Delhi

Note: 'Others' means Non-SCs/STs/OBCs

Annexure- B**STATE/UT-WISE LITERACY RATE FOR 'ALL CATEGORIES' AND
'SCHEDULED CASTES' IN INDIA - 2011**

Sl No.	States	Literacy Rate (%)	
		All Categories	SC Students
1.	Andhra Pradesh	67.0	62.3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	65.4	0.0
3.	Assam	72.2	77.0
4.	Bihar	61.8	48.6
5.	Chhattisgarh	70.3	70.8
6.	Goa	88.7	83.7
7.	Gujarat	78.0	79.2
8.	Haryana	75.6	66.9
9.	Himachal Pradesh	82.8	78.9
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	67.2	70.2
11.	Jharkhand	66.4	55.9
12.	Karnataka	75.4	65.3
13.	Kerala	94.0	88.7
14.	Madhya Pradesh	69.3	66.2
15.	Maharashtra	82.3	79.7
16.	Manipur	79.2	76.2
17.	Meghalaya	74.4	68.6
18.	Mizoram	91.3	92.4
19.	Nagaland	79.6	0.0
20.	Odisha	72.9	69.0
21.	Punjab	75.8	64.8
22.	Rajasthan	66.1	59.7
23.	Sikkim	81.4	77.5
24.	Tamil Nadu	80.1	73.3
25.	Tripura	87.2	89.4
26.	Uttar Pradesh	67.7	60.9
27.	Uttarakhand	78.8	74.4
28.	West Bengal	76.3	69.4
29.	A & N Islands	86.6	0.0
30.	Chandigarh	86.0	76.5
31.	D & N Haveli	76.2	89.4
32.	Daman & Diu	87.1	92.6
33.	NCT of Delhi	86.2	78.9
34.	Lakshadweep	91.8	0.0
35.	Puducherry	85.8	77.9
	Total	73.0	66.1

Source: Census of India, 2011

Note: There is no Scheduled Castes Population in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, A & N Island and Lakshadweep

Annexure- C

**GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO OF 'ALL CATEGORIES' AND 'SCHEDULED
CASTE STUDENTS' IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

(18-23 YEARS) : 2012-13

Sl No.	States	All Categories	SC Students
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29.1	24.9
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	19.3	-
3.	Assam	12.8	10.9
4.	Bihar	11.2	6.9
5.	Chhattisgarh	11.8	9.0
6.	Goa	23.2	22.4
7.	Gujarat	17.6	18.0
8.	Haryana	28.7	17.9
9.	Himachal Pradesh	23.8	13.3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	24.1	11.0
11.	Jharkhand	10.1	5.9
12.	Karnataka	25.5	16.9
13.	Kerala	22.9	17.8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	19.5	13.1
15.	Maharashtra	25.6	23.3
16.	Manipur	30.3	55.2
17.	Meghalaya	17.3	33.0
18.	Mizoram	21.3	101.7
19.	Nagaland	13.9	-
20.	Odisha	15.4	8.5
21.	Punjab	22.7	8.3
22.	Rajasthan	18.2	11.8
23.	Sikkim	23.6	23.3
24.	Tamil Nadu	42.0	29.9
25.	Tripura	14.0	11.9
26.	Uttar Pradesh	18.1	13.4
27.	Uttarakhand	33.1	18.3
28.	West Bengal	15.0	9.9
29.	A & N Islands	15.9	-
30.	Chandigarh	51.3	22.5
31.	D & N Haveli	6.3	6.3
32.	Daman & Diu	4.3	16.5
33.	NCT of Delhi	38.5	18.2
34.	Lakshadweep	11.8	-
35.	Puducherry	42.1	31.8
	Total	21.1	15.1

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education, 2012-13, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India

Note: There is no Scheduled Castes Population in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, A & N Island and Lakshadweep