

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

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016

Literacy

***212. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:**
SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether the UNESCO Report 2015 reveals that a considerable Indian population is illiterate and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess literate population across the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise;
- (c) the ratio between literate and illiterate people in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any agreement with any Non-Governmental Organisations or foreign countries for promoting literacy in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve literacy rate in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 FOR 9.5.2016 ASKED BY SHRI RAVNEET SINGH AND SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY REGARDING “LITERACY”.

(a) As per the “Education for All: Global Monitoring Report 2015” published by UNESCO, around 28.55 crore adult illiterates are reported in India. They constitute 36.5 per cent of world illiterates.

(b) & (c) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by Registrar General of India. The last census was held in 2011. A statement indicating State/UT-wise number of literates, literacy and illiteracy rates, in 7 and above age group, as reported by Census 2011 is **annexed**.

(d) No Madam.

(e) In order to improve literacy rate, Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development is being implemented in rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, and including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups. In addition, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is also being implemented in conjunction with the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 for universalisation of elementary education for all children in the 6-14 age group.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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State/UT-wise literates, literacy and illiteracy rates, in the age group of 7 and above

(As per Census 2011)

Sl. No	India/States/UTs	No. of Literates	Literacy rate	Illiteracy rate
	INDIA	76,36,38,812	72.98	27.02
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	5,05,56,760	67.02	32.98
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	7,66,005	65.38	34.62
3	ASSAM	1,91,77,977	72.19	27.81
4	BIHAR	5,25,04,553	61.80	38.2
5	CHHATTISGARH	1,53,79,922	70.28	29.72
6	GOA	11,65,487	88.70	11.3
7	GUJARAT	4,10,93,358	78.03	21.97
8	HARYANA	1,65,98,988	75.55	24.45
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	50,39,736	82.80	17.2
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	70,67,233	67.16	32.84
11	JHARKHAND	1,83,28,069	66.41	33.59
12	KARNATAKA	4,06,47,322	75.36	24.64
13	KERALA	2,81,35,824	94.00	6
14	MADHYA PRADESH	4,28,51,169	69.32	30.68
15	MAHARASHTRA	8,15,54,290	82.34	17.66
16	MANIPUR	19,08,476	76.94	23.06
17	MEGHALAYA	17,85,005	74.43	25.57
18	MIZORAM	8,48,175	91.33	8.67
19	NAGALAND	13,42,434	79.55	20.45
20	ODISHA	2,67,42,595	72.87	27.13
21	PUNJAB	1,87,07,137	75.84	24.16
22	RAJASTHAN	3,82,75,282	66.11	33.89
23	SIKKIM	4,44,952	81.42	18.58
24	TAMIL NADU	5,18,37,507	80.09	19.91
25	TRIPURA	28,04,783	87.22	12.78
26	UTTAR PRADESH	11,43,97,555	67.68	32.32
27	UTTARAKHAND	68,80,953	78.82	21.18
28	WEST BENGAL	6,15,38,281	76.26	23.74
29	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	2,94,281	86.63	13.37
30	CHANDIGARH	8,05,438	86.05	13.95
31	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	2,23,230	76.24	23.76
32	DAMAN & DIU	1,88,406	87.10	12.9
33	LAKSHADWEEP	52,553	91.85	8.15
34	NCT OF DELHI	1,27,37,767	86.21	13.79
35	PUDUCHERRY	9,57,309	85.85	14.15
