

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.110
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.4.2016

Female Literacy Rate

110. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to increase female literacy rate in the country including funds allocated/utilized for the purpose during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of achievements of the various Government schemes meant for girl child, like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PRAGATI etc. during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to spread awareness and sensitize people regarding female education specially in rural areas in the country?

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

(a) In order to improve the female literacy rate in the country, “Saakshar Bharat”, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 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, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups. In addition, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 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. A statement indicating State/UT-wise grants approved and central share released under Saakshar Bharat and SSA during the last three years are at **Annexure-I and Annexure-II** respectively.

(b) & (c) The Government is implementing Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) through a national campaign and focussed multi sectoral action in 100 selected districts low in CSR, covering all States and

UTs. Considering the criticality of the issue and the success of the scheme, BBBP scheme is expanded to additional 61 districts in 11 States/UTs. An exhaustive media campaign has been launched including Radio and TV campaign, Cinema Halls, BBBP messages through LPG Bills, community engagement through Song & Drama Division and online digital media.

Under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) several provisions *viz.* construction of separate toilets for girls, construction of residential quarters for teachers, curriculum reforms, conducting self defence training for the girls, special programme for empowerment of girls, stipend for girls with disabilities, vocationalisation of secondary education, girls hostel, etc. have been made for improving girls education and effectively addressing female literacy rate.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) several interventions *viz.* opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programme to promote girls participation, gender sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks have been introduced. In addition, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas have been opened in Educationally Backward Blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average to provide for residential upper primary schools for girls.

Under the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative, the Government achieved the ambitious target of building 4,17,796 toilets in 2,61,400 government schools in one year alone by 15th August, 2015. With this, about 13.58 crore children in 11.08 lakh government schools have access to gender segregated toilets. This has a positive impact on retention of girls in schools, which has been recognized at the time of the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence, 2016.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 110 FOR 25.4.2016 ASKED BY SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH AND SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY REGARDING “FEMALE LITERACY RATE”

State/UT-wise total grants (centre+state) approved and central share released under Saakshar Bharat programme

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State / UT	Total Grants (centre+state) Approved for project period upto XII Plan	Central share released		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	46316.11	6921.76	3432	4456.45
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7041.20	1417.84	1224.73	383.4
3	Assam	11151.36	1620	913.5	1319.76
4	Bihar	52882.42	6226.09	4788	3900
5	Chhastisgarh	30804.96	1875	2250	1500
6	D&N Haveli	79.82	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	22149.83	0	0	1560
8	Haryana	9834.93	0	2546.35	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	1112.32	0	156	114.26
10	Jammu & Kashmir	5501.31	0	0	725.4
11	Jharkhand	22518.42	0	0	1837.5
12	Karnataka	24848.05	1575.19	750	780
13	Madhya Pradesh	42275.03	0	2496	2620.8
14	Maharashtra	22744.09	0	3375	0
15	Manipur	1466.13	274.48	122.76	135
16	Meghalaya	1340.83	0	0	226.8
17	Nagaland	1455.63	198	256.47	151.93
18	Odisha	11998.80	228.16	0	624
19	Punjab	6939.26	0	0	0
20	Rajasthan	45173.10	4017	3215.54	0
21	Sikkim	239.54	66.8	0	74.88
22	Tamil Nadu	14190.90	2597.4	0	1209
23	Telangana	41406.95	Not in existence	3432	1725
24	Tripura	355.42	0	0	72.54
25	Uttar Pradesh	145530.65	0	3978	7800
26	Uttarakhand	10707.97	1563.12	781.88	1216.8
27	West Bengal	16664.33	72.13	916.5	780
	Total	596729.42	28652.97	34634.73	33213.52

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Sl. No.	State / UT	Release		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	174715.39	154566.68	66810.81
2	Arunachal Pradesh	19261.85	33607.83	18179.44
3	Assam	131820.73	97782.17	100464.64
4	Bihar	261013.11	216336.05	251557.33
5	Chhattisgarh	76699.64	92705.34	62219.70
6	Goa	1333.57	1310.38	813.58
7	Gujarat	80559.63	78476.48	61563.82
8	Haryana	35088.42	42110.65	34501.21
9	Himachal Pradesh	11453.10	12547.30	12139.13
10	Jammu & Kashmir	89143.50	51276.51	129980.55
11	Jharkhand	45010.71	75775.18	55863.31
12	Karnataka	65371.33	66213.52	41759.33
13	Kerala	20800.66	21844.02	12858.86
14	Madhya Pradesh	200408.56	149094.91	160197.85
15	Maharashtra	65653.65	58288.54	41225.28
16	Manipur	13193.93	21465.80	18355.46
17	Meghalaya	28340.86	20404.51	16626.96
18	Mizoram	10657.69	14739.69	9437.51
19	Nagaland	15803.02	20568.72	8739.53
20	Odisha	73956.08	66695.31	82081.65
21	Punjab	38323.72	36215.98	30003.82
22	Rajasthan	242488.70	248041.55	193462.09
23	Sikkim	4195.08	4526.13	4054.36
24	Tamil Nadu	96827.48	135819.79	82111.73
25	Telangana		81406.88	21776.01
26	Tripura	15991.09	19800.13	16956.97
27	Uttar Pradesh	466698.04	449867.53	505434.30
28	Uttarakhand	22043.51	22880.56	22588.40
29	West Bengal	153196.42	97240.30	84679.41
30	A & N Islands	612.35	147.21	359.46
31	Chandigarh	3009.26	3893.53	3521.81
32	Dadra & N. Haveli	927.19	911.74	594.91
33	Daman & Diu	145.54	72.77	78.38
34	Delhi	8322.82	6223.73	7293.80
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	58.83	139.87
36	Pondicherry	443.19	100.00	583.14
	Total	2473509.82	2403016.25	2159014.41
