

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2570  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016/VAISAKHA 20, 1938 (SAKA)**

**EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF WORK FORCE**

**2570. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is true that over 130 million of workforce in the country are below matriculation level in the academic field;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether Census 2011 has revealed that 28.8% of the main workers are illiterate and 19.7% are matriculate and below graduate level; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)**

**(a): Madam; Census 2011 data reveal that 130.2 million main workers and 43.4 million marginal workers in the country are literate with educational level below matric / secondary.**

**(b): A statement giving State/UT-wise total, main and marginal workers with educational level as literate but below matric / secondary as per Census 2011 is at Annex-I.**

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**(c): Madam; Census 2011 data reveal that illiterate main workers constitute 28.8% of the total main workers and 19.7% of the total main workers are literate with educational level as matric / secondary but below graduate.**

**(d): A statement giving State/UT-wise percentage of illiterate and matric / secondary but below graduate to total main workers as per Census 2011 is at Annex-II.**

**Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD), Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called 'Saakshar Bharat' in rural areas of 410 districts in the country where adult female literacy rate as per Census 2001 is 50% and below, with the objective to raise / improve the literacy level of the country.**

**Further, Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, being implemented by MoHRD, provides free and compulsory education for children of the age 6-14 years for classes I to VIII. This is also a step forward to improve the literacy status of the country.**

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**Total, main and marginal workers with educational level as literate but below  
matric/secondary - Census 2011**

India/States/Uts	Literate but below matric/secondary		
	Total workers	Main workers	Marginal workers
1	2	3	4
INDIA	173554320	130161087	43393233
State - JAMMU & KASHMIR	1194323	697155	497168
State - HIMACHAL PRADESH	1313182	712254	600928
State - PUNJAB	2990027	2506646	483381
State - CHANDIGARH	104317	98342	5975
State - UTTARAKHAND	1473952	1038952	435000
State - HARYANA	2832518	2170583	661935
State - NCT OF DELHI	1450217	1354902	95315
State - RAJASTHAN	10546608	7652856	2893752
State - UTTAR PRADESH	21756903	14690989	7065914
State - BIHAR	9897883	6145720	3752163
State - SIKKIM	151117	107716	43401
State - ARUNACHAL PRADESH	177779	141595	36184
State - NAGALAND	459093	325981	133112
State - MANIPUR	425479	308447	117032
State - MIZORAM	313996	266344	47652
State - TRIPURA	844122	616476	227646
State - MEGHALAYA	553441	422789	130652
State - ASSAM	4937511	3516150	1421361
State - WEST BENGAL	16679609	12147598	4532011
State - JHARKHAND	4374443	2255851	2118592
State - ODISHA	7834181	4933509	2900672
State - CHHATTISGARH	5167345	3508942	1658403
State - MADHYA PRADESH	12073246	8737725	3335521
State - GUJARAT	10334622	8613343	1721279
State - DAMAN & DIU	53165	50971	2194
State - DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	52719	44636	8083
State - MAHARASHTRA	18844860	16509364	2335496
State - ANDHRA PRADESH	10167675	8518601	1649074
State - KARNATAKA	8861506	7402537	1458969
State - GOA	175557	135978	39579
State - LAKSHADWEEP	9643	4822	4821
State - KERALA	5061629	3964799	1096830
State - TAMIL NADU	12227903	10376656	1851247
State - PUDUCHERRY	142679	125590	17089
State - ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	71070	56268	14802

Note: As shown in the statement total workforce Literate but below Matric/secondary is 173.6 million, out of which 130.2 million are main workers and 43.4 million are marginal workers

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Percentage of Illiterate and Matric /secondary but below graduate to total main workers - Census 2011					
India/States/Uts	Main workers			Percentage to total main workers	
	Total	Illiterate	Matric/secondary but below graduate	Illiterate	Matric/secondary but below graduate
1	2	3	4	5	6
INDIA	362565571	104302885	71545496	28.8	19.7
State - JAMMU & KASHMIR	2644149	699367	818791	26.4	31.0
State - HIMACHAL PRADESH	2062501	349334	689310	16.9	33.4
State - PUNJAB	8450936	2036148	2722057	24.1	32.2
State - CHANDIGARH	385929	53346	110070	13.8	28.5
State - UTTARAKHAND	2870624	644055	659198	22.4	23.0
State - HARYANA	7015283	1546987	2074279	22.1	29.6
State - NCT OF DELHI	5307329	625971	1529275	11.8	28.8
State - RAJASTHAN	21057968	7898479	2804549	37.5	13.3
State - UTTAR PRADESH	44635492	14547695	8648201	32.6	19.4
State - BIHAR	21359611	8751734	3793354	41.0	17.8
State - SIKKIM	230397	44356	46060	19.3	20.0
State - ARUNACHAL PRADESH	478721	209101	78847	43.7	16.5
State - NAGALAND	741179	198958	118383	26.8	16.0
State - MANIPUR	974163	256253	232354	26.3	23.9
State - MIZORAM	415030	36638	68334	8.8	16.5
State - TRIPURA	1077019	132036	177617	12.3	16.5
State - MEGHALAYA	921575	277410	118619	30.1	12.9
State - ASSAM	8687123	2709703	1481170	31.2	17.1
State - WEST BENGAL	25686630	6368673	3748522	24.8	14.6
State - JHARKHAND	6818595	2379019	1219924	34.9	17.9
State - ODISHA	10707543	2744696	1691008	25.6	15.8
State - CHHATTISGARH	8241714	2735312	1140022	33.2	13.8
State - MADHYA PRADESH	22702119	8134040	3041788	35.8	13.4
State - GUJARAT	20365374	4379669	4178683	21.5	20.5
State - DAMAN & DIU	116435	12358	38185	10.6	32.8
State - DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	130299	29021	32867	22.3	25.2
State - MAHARASHTRA	43762890	8862179	10401141	20.3	23.8
State - ANDHRA PRADESH	33037378	13883997	5631614	42.0	17.0
State - KARNATAKA	23397181	6684321	5106592	28.6	21.8
State - GOA	476053	39695	153550	8.3	32.3
State - LAKSHADWEEP	10804	210	3528	1.9	32.7
State - KERALA	9329747	418681	2894268	4.5	31.0
State - TAMIL NADU	27942181	6549292	5951573	23.4	21.3
State - PUDUCHERRY	399689	50053	108205	12.5	27.1
State - ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	125910	14098	33558	11.2	26.7

Note: 1. 'Matric/ secondary but below graduate' includes 'non-technical diploma and certificate not equal to degree'.

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