

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 656
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

LITERACY RATE AMONG MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present literacy rate among the minorities along with the breakup of male and female literacy rates and its comparison with the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise and community-wise;
- (b) the schemes being implemented and the other measures taken to bridge the gap in literacy level between the general female population and minority girls in the country; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and community-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a): As per Census 2011, the literacy rate among the minorities along with the break-up of male and female literacy rates and their comparison with the overall literacy rate in the country are detailed below:

Name of Religion	Literacy rate		
	Person	Male	Female
Total	73.0	80.9	64.6
Hindu	73.3	81.7	64.3
Muslim	68.5	74.7	62.0
Christian	84.5	87.7	81.5
Sikh	75.4	80.0	70.3
Buddhist	81.3	88.3	74.0
Jain	94.9	96.8	92.9
Other religions and persuasions	59.9	70.9	49.1
Religion not stated	74.7	81.9	67.3

State/UT-wise and community-wise details of 'literacy rates' are available on the website of the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

(b) & (c): The details of schemes being implemented for enhancing opportunities for education of minorities, in general, and to bridge the gap in literacy level between the general female population and minority girls in the country are as under:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarship
- iii. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship
- iv. Maulana Azad National Fellowship
- v. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme for providing services through Anganwadi Centres
- vi. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and opening of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas
- vii. 'Padho Pardesh'- Interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies
- viii. 'Nai Udaan'- Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions, etc.
- ix. Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM)
- x. Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutions (IDMI)
- xi. Greater Resources for Teaching Urdu
- xii. Free Coaching and Allied Scheme
- xiii. Schemes of Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for promotion of education.
- xiv. Mid Day Meal Scheme
- xv. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)
- xvi. Sakshar Bharat/ Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan
- xvii. Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)
- xviii. Block Institutes of Teachers Education
- xix. Women's Hostel.

The details of funds sanctioned/ released/ utilised under such schemes (in the manner collated in the Ministry) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and community-wise are available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs- www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

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