

Orissa:

The State Government has launched a mass programme for 100% literacy in 70 community development blocks by mobilising voluntary agencies, industrial organisations, students, etc.

Pondicherry:

A voluntary agency, viz, Pudukkottai Arivoli Iyakkam Society, has undertaken a project for achieving 100% literacy in the Union Territory by 1990-91.

Uttar Pradesh:

The State Government has undertaken an experimental project to achieve 100% literacy in 6 blocks of Mirzapur District in 3 phases with a coverage of 6.00 lakh illiterate adults. A separate project for covering 1.50 lakh illiterate in the age-group 6-35 in 400 villages of 4 blocks in the newly created district of Sonbhadra is proposed to be undertaken by a voluntary agency named Banvasi Seva Ashram, Govindpur.

West Bengal:

The State Government has formulated a plan for complete eradication of illiteracy in one-third of the Community Development blocks in the State (i.e. 144 blocks). Of these, 20 contiguous blocks have been taken up for implementation of Adult Education Programme through Panchayati Raj institutions.

Several State Governments are taking up complete eradication of illiteracy in selected districts, towns, blocks of villages.

[Translation]**Population below Poverty Line**

2082. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population in the country below poverty line; and

(b) the percentage of decline or increase in their number during the last decade?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The percentage of population in the country below poverty line in 1987-88 was estimated provisionally as 29.2.

(b) The percentage of their number has been on decline during the last decade, that is, from 48.3% in 1977-78 to 29.2% in 1987-88.

Eighth Plan Document

2083. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRICHIRANJILAL SHARMA:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Eighth Five Year Plan document will be ready; and

(b) the details of the new priority areas included in the plan document?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan Document is likely to be ready by September-October, 1990.

(b) The Plan document will contain the details of new priority areas.

Memorandum from Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers

2084. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: