

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The present forest area in Maharashtra State is 63,842 Sq. Kms.

(b) No case of large scale deforestation has been reported from the State. However, cases of illicit felling of trees as and when detected, have been dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

(c) In order to check illicit cutting of trees, the State Government have taken the following steps;

- (i) Field staff and the supervisory staff organise intensive patrolling and checking of forest areas.
- (ii) Presently, there are 'vigilance cells' in 8 circles and Mobile Squads in each Forest Division, especially to control illicit fellings.
- (iii) Constitution of Forest Protection Force in each Division has been sanctioned by Maharashtra Government.
- (iv) In addition, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is under implementation for development of infrastructure for protection of forests against biotic interference.

Literacy Rate

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

(a) the literacy rate in the country as per 1981 and 1991 Census, State-wise, males and females separately;

(b) what was the rate of literacy expected to be achieved by the end of the seventh Plan period and how it compares with the actual rate of literacy achieved; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 1991-92 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A statement indicating the literacy rate in the country, state-wise and for males and females separately, according to 1981 and 1991 Census is attached.

(b) The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operations. Whereas no target for achieving any particular literacy rate for the country as a whole was fixed to be achieved by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan, the literacy rate in the country for population aged 7 years and above has increased from 43.56% in 1981 to 52.11% in 1991, registering an increase of 8.55% during the last decade.

(c) Besides continuance of the existing programmes relating to universalisation of elementary education and non-formal education, it is proposed to cover about 25-30 districts under the Total Literacy Campaigns during 1991-92 through the National Literacy Mission, in addition to such campaigns having already been undertaken in the entire States of Goa and Kerala, U. T. of Pondicherry, 100 talukas in Gujarat and 42 districts in various states during 1990-91.

STATEMENT

Sl.No.	India/States Union Territory	Literacy Rate								
		1981				1991				
		Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
	INDIA	43.66	56.37	29.75	52.11	63.86	39.42			
	States									
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.66	46.83	24.16	45.11	56.24	33.71			
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	25.54	34.11	14.01	41.22	51.10	29.37			
3.	Assam	NA	NA	NA	53.42	62.34	43.70			
4.	Bihar	32.03	46.58	16.51	38.54	52.63	23.10			
5.	Goa	65.71	76.07	55.17	76.96	85.48	68.20			
6.	Gujarat	52.21	65.14	38.46	60.91	72.54	48.50			
7.	Haryana	43.85	58.49	26.89	55.33	67.85	40.94			

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		Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Females	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
8.	Himechal Pradesh	51.17	64.27	37.72	63.54	74.57	52.46			
9.	Jammu & Kashmir*	32.68	44.18	19.55	NA	NA	NA			
10.	Karnataka	46.20	58.72	33.16	55.98	67.25	44.34			
11.	Kerala	81.56	87.74	75.65	90.59	94.45	86.93			
12.	Madhya Pradesh	34.22	48.41	18.99	43.45	57.43	28.39			
13.	Maharashtra	55.83	69.66	41.01	63.05	74.84	50.51			
14.	Manipur	49.61	64.12	34.61	60.96	72.98	48.64			
15.	Meghalaya	42.02	46.62	37.15	48.26	51.57	44.78			
16.	Mizoram	74.26	79.37	68.60	81.23	84.06	78.09			
17.	Nagaland	50.20	58.52	40.28	61.30	66.09	55.72			

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18.	Orissa	40.96	58.45	25.14	48.55	62.37	34.40		
19.	Punjab	48.12	55.52	39.64	57.14	63.68	49.72		
20.	Rajasthan	30.09	44.7	13.99	38.81	55.07	20.84		
21.	Sikkim	41.57	52.98	27.35	56.53	64.34	47.23		
22.	Tamil Nadu	54.38	68.05	40.43	63.72	74.88	52.29		
23.	Tripura	50.10	61.49	38.01	60.39	70.08	50.01		
24.	Uttar Pradesh	33.33	47.43	17.18	41.71	55.35	26.02		
25.	West Bengal	48.64	59.93	36.07	57.72	67.24	47.15		
	<i>Union Territories</i>								
1.	A & N Islands	63.16	70.28	53.15	73.74	79.68	66.22		

1	2	3	Literacy Rate							
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2.	Chandigarh	74.81	78.89	69.31	78.73	82.67	73.61	78.73	82.67	73.61
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	32.70	44.69	20.38	39.45	52.07	26.10	39.45	52.07	26.10
4.	Daman & Diu	59.91	74.45	46.51	73.58	85.67	61.38	73.58	85.67	61.38
5.	Delhi	71.93	79.28	62.57	76.09	82.63	68.01	76.09	82.63	68.01
6.	Lakshadweep	68.42	81.24	55.32	79.23	87.06	70.88	79.23	87.06	70.88
7.	Pondicherry	65.14	77.09	53.03	74.91	83.91	65.79	74.91	83.91	65.79

*The 1991 Census has not yet been conducted in Jammu & Kashmir
N.A. Stands for 'not available'.