

promote the reading habits and encourage creative writings". NPE (1986) will be reviewed, for which modalities are being worked out.

### **Literacy rate among Scheduled Tribes**

3214. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of literate persons in various states and the State-wise percentage of literate people belonging to Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the measures being taken by Government to bring Scheduled Tribes at par with others so far as literacy is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):  
(a) A Statement showing State-wise total number of literacy rate amongst Scheduled Tribes, based on the 1981 Census, is attached.

(b) Universalisation of elementary education, universal retention of children upto 14 years of age and imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterate in 15-35 age-group by 1995 from an integral part of a large programme to eradicate illiteracy, including amongst persons belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes

and women. Some of the specific steps being taken to raise the literacy level among persons belonging to scheduled tribes are as under:—

- (i) Under the programme of 'Operation Blackboard', preference in selection of blocks is given to those which are educationally disadvantaged and have concentration of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes.
- (ii) Under non-formal education programme, preference is given to opening Centres in hilly, desert and tribal areas. States/UTs have been advised to utilise at least 20% of the allocation under non-formal education programme on scheduled tribes,
- (iii) States/UTs have been advised to accord priority to hamlets of scheduled tribes in opening adult education centres;
- (iv) Funds have been earmarked under Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of the Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Projects; and
- (v) In the matter of selection of Instructors, both under the Non-formal Education as well as Adult Education programmes, persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes community are to be given a preference.

## STATEMENT

Sl.No.	Name of State/UT	Total No. of literate persons	No. of literate persons belonging to ST.	ST literates as percentage of total literate population	ST literates as percentage to total ST population
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	INDIA*	241,031,849	8,441,477	3.50	16.35
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16,034,818	248,436	1.55	7.82
2.	Bihar	18,321,004	987,397	5.39	16.99
3.	Gujarat	14,895,844	1,025,105	6.88	21.14
4.	Haryana	4,669,898	—	—	—
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1,818,287	51,149	2.81	25.93
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,596,776	—	—	—
7.	Karnataka	14,282,717	367,578	2.57	20.14

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8.	Kerala	17,924,732	83,132	0.46	31.79
9.	Madhya Pradesh	14,54,568	1,280,626	8.80	10.68
10.	Maharashtra	29,620,806	1,286,765	4.34	22.29
11.	Manipur	587,618	154,163	26.24	39.74
12.	Meghalaya	455,191	339,560	74.60	31.55
13.	Nagaland	329,878	262,414	79.55	40.32
14.	Orissa	9,027,205	825,668	9.15	13.96
15.	Punjab	6,860,349	—	—	—
16.	Rajasthan	8,354,117	429,788	5.14	10.27

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17.	Sikkim	107,738	24,389	22.64	33.13
18.	Tamil Nadu	22,637,659	106,421	0.47	20.46
19.	Tripura	864,799	134,713	15.58	23.07
20.	Uttar Pradesh	30,105,260	47,598	0.16	20.45
21.	West Bengal	22,344,153	405,597	1.82	13.21
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	131,333	61,922	47.15	14.04
23.	Mizoram	295,685	275,421	93.15	59.63
24.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	97,321	6,957	7.15	31.11
25.	Chandigarh	292,580	—	—	—

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26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	27,655	13,779	49.82	16.86
27.	Delhi	3,828,326	—	—	—
28.	Goa, Daman & Diu	615,752	2,839	0.46	26.48
29.	Lakshadweep	22,165	20,060	90.50	53.13
30.	Pondicherry	337,615	—	—	—

**Notes:**

- 1.\* Excludes Assam where census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at the time of 1981 Census.
2. No Tribes were scheduled by the President of India for Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi and Pondicherry