

**Visit of a Member of a Political Party to
LTTE Hide Out**

5003. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the reported visit by a member of a political party to LTTE hide outs in Sri Lanka to meet its leader;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b). Government have no information more than what has appeared in the press in this regard.

(b) Government agree with the reported statement of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who said that the visit was a highly

irresponsible act and had not helped towards solving the problem.

**Amount Allocated to States Under
D.D.P.**

5004. SHRI VAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and utilised under the Desert Development Programme in different States, Statewise during the last three years, year-wise for providing irrigation facilities; and

(b) the hectares of desert land irrigated so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). Statements I and II are given below.

STATEMENT—I

Water Resources Development under DDP—Allocation and utilisation of funds DDP is in operation in the five states mentioned in the tabular statement given below

States	Allocation (For water resource development)					Utilisation (Expenditure)	
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Gujarat	54.79	109.99	33.00	25.41	83.71	158.78	
Haryana	42.83	75.84	62.00	32.58	102.56	118.56	
Himachal Pradesh	63.69	42.25	30.00	52.51	49.38	36.37	
Jammū & Kashmir	44.55	98.34	45.00	29.05	90.73	69.41	
Rajasthan	212.26	654.46	600.00	122.00	863.48	706.27	
Total	418.12	983.88	770.00	261.64	1189.86	1089.39	

(Rs. in lakhs)

Irrigation potential created under the Desert Development Programme

(hectares)

<i>States</i>	<i>Irrigation potential created (since inception upto March, 88)</i>
Gujarat	2014
Haryana	2050
Himachal Pradesh	1673
Jammu & Kashmir	462
Rajasthan	12888
Total :-	19087

Literacy Among SC/ST Boys/Girls

5005. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:
SHRIMATI USHA CHO-
WDHARY:

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

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding the percentage of literacy amongst SC and ST boys and girls in different States; if so, the details thereof;

(b) when the survey was made in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve the problem of literacy particularly among the tribals of Gujarat; and

(d) the class upto which free education is provided to SC/ST students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND

CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). The Census Commissioner, Government of India conducts a national Census enumeration every 10 years which includes the calculation of literacy percentage of SC/ST, both boys and girls. The last Census was done in 1981. A statement is given below.

(c) For solving the problem of literacy among the scheduled castes & scheduled tribes in Gujarat, the Government has initiated several measures like National Literacy Mission (NLM), Non-Formal Education (NFE), Ashram Schools, Scholarships, Book Banks/Grants, Mid-Day Meals, hostels for girls, remedial coaching classes for weak students, attendance scholarships for girls, etc.

(d) Elementary Education is free in all the States/Union Territories in Government managed schools. A number of States/Union Territories provide free education upto secondary and Senior Secondary stage for SC/ST students.