

	1	2	3
21. Uttar Pradesh	62		17,04,051
22. West Bengal	17		70,23,410
23. Chandigarh	1		23,699
24. Dadar and Nagar Haveli	1		—
25. Daman and Diu	1		460
26. Pondicherry	4		88,799

**STATEMENT-II***Literacy rate - 1991 Census*

India/States or Union Territory	Literacy rate percent
INDIA	52.21
<b>States</b>	
1 Andhra Pradesh	44.09
2. Arunachal Pradesh	41.59
3 Assam	52.89
4 Bihar	38.48
5 Delhi	75.29
6 Goa	75.51
7 Gujarat	61.29
8 Haryana	55.85
9 Himachal Pradesh	63.86
10 Karnataka	56.04
11 Kerala	89.81
12 Madhya Pradesh	44.20
13 Maharashtra	64.87
14 Manipur	59.89
15 Meghalaya	49.10
16 Mizoram	82.27
17 Nagaland	61.65
18 Orissa	49.09
19 Punjab	58.51
20 Rajasthan	38.55
21 Sikkim	56.94
22 Tamil Nadu	62.66
23 Tripura	60.44
24 Uttar Pradesh	41.60
25 West Bengal	57.70
<b>Union Territories</b>	
1 A and N-Islands	73.02
2 Chandigarh	77.81
3 D and N Haveli	40.71
4 Daman and Diu	71.20
5 Lakshadweep	81.78
6 Pondicherry	74.74

*[Translation]***Percentage of Passed Students**543. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR .  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY

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

(a) whether 34 percent of the students from Government schools and 89 percent from public schools of Delhi have passed the Tenth class examination of 1996 conducted by the CBSE.

(b) if so, the reasons for this wide gap in the examination results between the Government and public schools and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to abridge this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Government of N.C.T. of Delhi have intimated that the majority of students admitted to Government schools come from poor socio-economic background and very high percentage of them are first generation learners and as such cannot provide additional impetus at home. This primarily contributes to the poor results in Government schools

(c) An action plan has been initiated with the involvement of District Heads, all Education Officers and involving those Principals who have shown good performance over the years. Under this special classes for bridging the gap and strengthening the basics of the students coupled with examination oriented education is being taken up from the current year

*[English]***Use of Timber in Government Buildings**

544. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have banned the use of timber in construction of Government buildings by C.P.W.D.;

(b) whether the Government have also advised the State Governments in this regard, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). The State Governments and Union Territories have already been advised in April, 1988