

Anti-India demonstrations in Bangladesh

897. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the people of Bangladesh demonstrated against India over the Farakka issue ;

(b) if so, whether Prime Minister of India's effigy was burnt in Dhaka ;

(c) whether any decision to launch a movement for the boycott of Indian goods has been taken by Bangladesh ;

(d) whether India has taken a serious view of the demonstration and attitude of Bangladesh towards India ; and

(e) whether any protest has been lodged with the Bangladesh Government over it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) to (c) Some people staged some demonstrations, and at a meeting of the Farakka Border Raids Resistance Committee, a portrait of the Prime Minister was reportedly burnt. Some political groups also announced a campaign to boycott Indian goods.

(d) and (e) The Secretary concerned in the Ministry of External Affairs called the Bangladesh High Commissioner at New Delhi to express the Government of India's concern over this anti-Indian campaign in Bangladesh. The matter was taken up again with the Bangladesh Government at the highest level during the visit of the Secretary to Bangladesh last month.

Survey of Illiterate Population

898. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the illiterate population in the country ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise ; and

(c) the details regarding the scheme of Government to remove illiteracy along-with its targets to be achieved, State-wise, yearly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) A statement-I showing State-wise number of illiterates based on 1981 Census is attached.

(c) The steps taken for removal of illiteracy are as under :—

- (i) Elementary Education (including adult education) has been made part of the Minimum Needs Programme.
- (ii) Universalisation of Elementary Education and eradication of adult illiteracy have been included in the New 20-Point Programme.
- (iii) Special Central assistance is being given to the educationally backward States under the centrally sponsored scheme of non-formal education for elementary age group children.
- (iv) Emphasis is being laid on covering districts/areas having literacy rate below the national average under the centrally sponsored scheme of Rural functional Literacy Projects and State Adult Education Programme.

No targets have been fixed for Sixth Plan.

However, State-wise coverage of the adult illiterates in the age group 15-35 under the Adult Education Programme during the first three years of the Sixth Plan is given in attached statement-II. During 1983-84, about 52.60 lakh adult illiterates in 15-35 age group are proposed to be enrolled under the programme.

Statement-I

State/UT	Illiterate Population@
(1)	(2)
1. Andhra Pradesh	37,514,855
2. Bihar	51,593,730
3. Gujarat	19,189,955
4. Haryana	8,252,720
5. Himachal Pradesh	2,462,531
6. Jammu and Kashmir	4,390,613
7. Karnataka	22,852,997
8. Kerala	7,528,948
9. Madhya Pradesh	37,634,276
10. Maharashtra	33,163,365
11. Manipur	833,335
12. Meghalaya	880,628
13. Nagaland	445,052
14. Orissa	17,343,066
15. Punjab	9,928,566
16. Rajasthan	25,907,745
17. Sikkim	208,647
18. Tamil Nadu	25,770,418
19. Tripura	1,188,259
20. Uttar Pradesh	80,756,753
21. West Bengal	32,236,494
22. A and N Islands	91,420
23. Arunachal Pradesh	500,506
24. Chandigarh	159,030
25. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	76,021
26. Delhi	2,392,080
27. Goa, Daman and Diu	470,978
28. Lakshadweep	18,084
29. Mizoram	198,072
30. Pondicherry	266,856
*INDIA	424,256,000

*@ Excludes the population of Assam where Census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at the time of 1981 Census. The reference date of 1981 Census was sunrise of March 1, 1981 in all States and UTs except Jammu and Kashmir where it was sunrise of May 6, 1981.

@* Provisional.

Statement-II

State/UT	Enrolment		
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Andhra Pradesh	195297	209835	261911
2. Assam	214000	208313	211980*
3. Bihar	85445	196893	704904
4. Gujarat	126968	138352	186228
5. Haryana	76175	77802	115184
6. Himachal Pradesh	18769	16119	22096
7. Jammu and Kashmir	67262	29986†	57624
8. Karnataka	120783	204212	215555
9. Kerala	N.A.	79794	91145
10. Madhya Pradesh	263808	322686	506957
11. Maharashtra	300701	312298	327066
12. Manipur	45508	21760	32563
13. Meghalya	8459	17272	5163**
14. Nagaland	16397	22210	17146
15. Orissa	117000	117000	99600
16. Punjab	N.A.	62743	75328
17. Rajasthan	162556	168287	205612
18. Sikkim	14659	11257	12948*
19. Tamil Nadu	313032	315821	337429*
20. Tripura	31750	39220	37813
21. Uttar Pradesh	114498	219589	373041
22. West Bengal	227651	224903	326042*
23. A and N Islands	1693	2424	3662
24. Arunachal Pradesh	11803	13572	16658*
25. Chandigarh	4947	4029	5877
26. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1612	1822	2225
27. Delhi	31490	28772	39756
28. Goa Daman and Diu	2125	4462	1473
29. Lakshadweep	680	1717	1148
30. Mizoram	9138	7775	7388*
31. Pondicherry	6491	18075	16815
Total :	2590724	3099000	4318437

* Data relates to December 1982, based on detailed quarterly Report

** Incomplete reporting.

† Relates to Jammu Division only.