

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the total literacy Campaign has been launched in the notified districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the areas covered under this campaign in these areas of various states, state-wise;
- (c) the targets fixed under this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan and the extent to which the targets were achieved; and
- (d) the steps taken for effective implementation of this scheme in the notified areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOSURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSING RAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The total literacy Campaigns are launched in a district, covering the entire area including the notified areas. The campaigns are meant to cover the non-literate population of 15-35 years age- group.

The National Literacy Mission, which had the objective of covering 345 districts under total literacy campaigns by the end of 1995 and making 100 million non- literates, literate by 1997 has so far covered 457 districts and made 79.5 million non-literates, literate throughout the country.

Several steps have been taken to revamp and reorient the adult literacy programmes which include the enhance focus on female literacy; greater involvement of Panchyati Raj Institutions and Non-Governmental Organisations; strengthening of State Resource Centres; opening of Jan Shikshan Sansthan in rural areas; decentralization of financial and administrative powers to state literacy Mission Authorities; ensuring better follow up and consolidation through extending the programme of post literacy and continuing education; strengthening monitoring and evaluation mechanisms etc.