

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Literacy Mission (NLM) is yet to achieve its target;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (c) whether it has not yet been launched in all the districts of the country; (d) if so, the names of the districts which have not so far been covered under the mission particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to cover all the districts in the country under the Mission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) The National Literacy Mission's target is to attain a sustainable threshold level literacy rate of 75% by 2005. It seeks to achieve this goal by imparting functional literacy to non-literates in the 15-35 age group.

The Census 2001 (Provisional Population Totals) indicate that literacy rate in India has registered an increase of 13.17 percentage points, from 52.21% in 1991 to 65.38% in 2001. This is the highest rate of increase for any decade since independence.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All the districts in Andhra Pradesh have been covered by the Mission. Only 27 districts in the rest of the country are yet to be covered under the schemes of National Literacy Mission.

(e) The State Governments have been requested to initiate measures to launch literacy campaigns in uncovered districts and submit project proposals for approval of National Literacy Mission.