

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2422  
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DECADAL AWARD FOR LITERACY  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

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

- (a) whether the National Literacy Mission received criticism and representations against the 'Decadal Achievement Award' for literacy and female literacy;
- (b) if so, the details of such representations received during the last one year;
- (c) whether the Literacy Mission propose to alter the existing scheme of award and selection of districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to modify the system of awards?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) A representation was received about the awards given by the National Literacy Mission to various districts/NGOs on International Literacy Day, 2001. The representation stated that while encouragement is needed to make people perform better, there is need to ensure that undeserving elements do not manipulate such awards for their personal benefits.

(c) & (d) Whenever literacy awards are to be conferred a committee of Adult Education experts is constituted to frame parameters in order to ensure that awards are only given to deserving districts.