

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the National Literacy Mission and Adult Education Scheme;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to implement this Mission again;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the funds proposed to be provided to each State to implement this Mission, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and National Literacy Mission / Programmes are likely to be merged; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) The progress made under various schemes of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) is reviewed periodically. The goal of the NLM is to achieve a sustainable threshold literacy of 75% by 2007. According to the 2001 census, the literacy rate for the population aged 7 years and above was 64.84% which reflected an increase of 12.6% since 1991. The National Literacy Mission Authority in its General Council meeting on 11.4.2005 has decided to focus on 150 districts where the literacy rate is lowest in a phased manner.

(e) No State-wise allocation of funds is made under the NLM. Grants are released under various schemes based on viable proposals received from the districts / states as per financial parameters and norms laid down. A budgetary provision of Rs.290 crores has been made for adult education during 2005-2006.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.