

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:402  
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FUNDS SPENT ON LITERACY CAMPAIGN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

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- (a) the total amount spent on literacy campaigns during the year 2003-04 till date;
- (b) the number of educationally backward districts in the country where this campaign was launched, State-wise;
- (c) the number of National Literacy Mission projects sanctioned for non-Governmental organisations by the Union Government in Urban and Rural areas of the various States during the last three years and thereafter till date;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the non-Governmental organisations;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the non- Governmental organisations whose performance is not satisfactory?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI ARJUN SINGH )

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 402 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.8.2004 REGARDING FUNDS SPENT ON LITERACY CAMPAIGN

(a) : The total amount spent on Literacy Campaigns during 2003-04 is Rs.25.00 crores and the amount spent during the current financial year, till date, is Rs.7.32 crores.

(b) : Out of 600 districts in the country, literacy campaigns have been launched in 596 districts. Recognizing the need for addressing the persistent problem of female illiteracy, 45 districts where female literacy is below 30% (as per Census 2001) have been identified for special focus. Accelerated Female Literacy Projects (AFLP) have been launched in 35 out of 45 districts.

(c) : The number of Literacy Projects sanctioned under the Scheme of `NLM Support to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the field of Adult Education` during 2001-02, 2002- 03 and 2003-04 is 24, 99 and 117 respectively. No fresh projects have been sanctioned in the current year 2004-05 so far. Under the Scheme, there is no urban-rural classification. Though there has been a marked improvement in literacy status in the country from 1991 to 2001, there is still a gap of about 21% between male and female literacy. In order to bridge this gap and to raise female literacy levels, Accelerated Female Literacy Projects were launched in districts where female literacy was less than 30%. To begin with, the project was started in Uttar Pradesh and Orissa with the help of NGOs.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Under the Scheme of NLM Support to Non-Governmental Organisations in the field of Adult Education, there is an inbuilt monitoring system. The performance of the NGOs is monitored through Quarterly Progress Reports and Annual Progress Reports submitted by the NGOs. The accounts of the NGOs are audited by Chartered Accountants. During 2003-04, evaluation of 97 NGOs in 8 districts of Uttar Pradesh had been conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of Planning Commission. The district-wise achievement reported in evaluation is given in the following table:-

S.No.	AFLP Districts	Results
1	Baharaich	69.95%
2	Shravasti	56.12%
3	Balrampur	56.51%
4	Gonda	66.83%
5	Siddarthnagar	70.83%
6	Maharajganj	70.32%
7	Rampur	79.92%

8 Budaun	80.51%
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Total	69.61%
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(f): A performance linked grading system was introduced for these projects in Uttar Pradesh and NGOs which did not make 90% and above of the target group literate were paid at a lower rate.