

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2761
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2004
LITERACY RATE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the literacy among the people of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to promote the literacy among the people of these castes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A statement showing state-wise literacy rates amongst scheduled castes and scheduled tribes according to the 2001 census is enclosed.

(c) The universalisation of the elementary education and eradication of adult illiteracy form the two-pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country including scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. In the elementary education sector, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been launched with a holistic and convergent approach to implement Universalisation of Elementary Education in a mission mode with the district focus. The educational development of children belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is a special focus in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The participation of dalits and tribals in the affairs of the school will be specially encouraged to ensure ownership of the Abhiyan by all social groups, especially the most disadvantaged. Some of these interventions for children from socially weaker sections of the society are:

- Special mainstreaming camps, AIE centers for out-of-school girls/SC/ST children.
- Special teaching support as per need.
- Using Community Teachers.
- Special training for non-tribal teachers to work in tribal areas, including knowledge of tribal dialect and bridge language inventory for use of teachers.
- Context specific intervention in the form of a hostel, an incentive or a special facility as required and Mid-day meal programme.
- Provision of free text books to all girl/SC/ST children at primary and upper primary level with an upper ceiling of Rs. 150/- per child.
- Context specific innovative interventions for girls' education and education of SC/ST children up to Rs. 50 lakh in a district in a particular year in which the ceiling for each intervention per year is Rs. 15.00 lakhs.
- Incentives like uniforms and scholarships are funded from State Plan.
- Text Book in mother tongue for children at the beginning of primary education where they do not understand regional language.
- Setting up of EGS centers within a kilometer of habitation having at least 15 children in the age group of 6- 14 years or even 10 children in hilly, remote and tribal areas.

The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims to provide functional literacy to non-literates in 15-35 age group.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2761 FOR 17.8.2004 BY SHRILALCHANDRA KOL REGARDING LITERACY RATE.

| S.No | State/UT | Literacy rate | Literacy rate |
|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | of Scheduled | of Scheduled | |
| | castes | Tribes | |

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|--------------------------|------|------|--|
| India | 54.7 | 47.1 | |
| 1. Jammu & Kashmir | 59.0 | 37.5 | |
| 2. Himachal Pradesh | 70.3 | 65.5 | |
| 3. Punjab | 56.2 | NST | |
| 4. Chandigarh | 67.7 | NST | |
| 5. Uttaranchal | 63.4 | 63.2 | |
| 6. Haryana | 55.4 | NST | |
| 7. Delhi | 70.8 | NST | |
| 8. Rajasthan | 52.2 | 44.7 | |
| 9. Uttar Pradesh | 46.3 | 35.1 | |
| 10. Bihar | 28.5 | 28.2 | |
| 11. Sikkim | 63.0 | 67.1 | |
| 12. Arunachal Pradesh | 67.6 | 49.6 | |
| 13. Nagaland | NSC | 65.9 | |
| 14. Manipur# | 72.3 | 65.9 | |
| 15. Mizoram | 89.2 | 89.3 | |
| 16. Tripura | 74.7 | 56.5 | |
| 17. Meghalaya | 56.3 | 61.3 | |
| 18. Assam | 66.8 | 62.5 | |
| 19. West Bengal | 59.0 | 43.4 | |
| 20. Jharkhand | 37.6 | 40.7 | |
| 21. Orissa | 55.5 | 37.4 | |
| 22. Chhattisgarh | 64.0 | 52.1 | |
| 23. Madhya Pradesh | 58.6 | 41.2 | |
| 24. Gujarat | 70.5 | 47.7 | |
| 25. Daman & Diu | 85.1 | 63.4 | |
| 26. Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 78.2 | 41.2 | |
| 27. Maharashtra | 71.9 | 55.2 | |
| 28. Andhra Pradesh | 53.5 | 37.0 | |
| 29. Karnataka | 52.9 | 48.3 | |
| 30. Goa | 71.9 | 55.9 | |
| 31. Lakshadweep | NSC | 86.1 | |
| 32. Kerala | 82.7 | 64.4 | |
| 33. Tamil Nadu | 63.2 | 41.5 | |
| 34. Pondicherry | 69.1 | NST | |
| 35. A & N Islands | NSC | 66.8 | |

Excludes Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur

NSC: - No Scheduled Caste notified

NST: - No Scheduled Tribe notified