

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:320

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FEMALE LITERACY

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

- (a) whether the girls getting education under National Literacy Mission are being discriminated in the country as per survey report of Non-Government Organization and reported in Dainik Jagran dated the January 18, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reactions of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number and names of the States where this survey has been conducted;
- (d) the highest and lowest number of children getting education under the mission respectively, State-wise;
- (e) the number of States where adequate number of teachers are not available;
- (f) the names of the States where the percentage of school going girls is low;
- (g) the total amount spent under National Literacy Mission during the last three years, till date; and
- (h) the action and strategy being taken by the Government for improvement of our education in the country to achieve 100% literacy rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) No, Sir. Under the National Literacy Mission (NLM) both male and female illiterates in 15 to 35 age group are being covered without any discrimination. The survey report of NGO as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated 18.1.2006 does not mention any figure regarding target age group of NLM.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) A statement indicating the number and names of States where survey was conducted by NGO is annexed at Annexure-I.
- (d) Children up to the age group of 14 year are not covered under NLM.
- (e) Under the NLM, there is no provision of engaging teachers.
- (f) Does not arise. Under the NLM, school going girls are not the target group.
- (g) The total amount spent under NLM during the last three years, till date, is follows: -

2002-03	Rs.216.29 crore
2003-04	Rs.232.50 crore
2004-05	Rs.236.47 crore
2005-06	Rs.203.08 crore (till date)

(h) The Universalization of Elementary Education and eradication of adult illiteracy form the two-pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a comprehensive programme for universalizing quality Elementary Education by 2010.

The NLM is entrusted with the target of achieving a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by 2007. The thrust areas of NLM are improving female literacy in low female literacy areas, organizing projects for residual illiteracy in districts which have substantial number of illiterates, setting up of continuing education centers for providing opportunities for life- long learning to the neo-literates and imparting vocational training to neo-literates through Jan Shikshan Sansthan. Special programmes of residual illiteracy have been

taken up in low female literacy districts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Jharkhand. In addition, the launching of special literacy drive for eradication of residual illiteracy in 150 districts, which have the lowest literacy rates, has been approved.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.320 ASKED BY SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT, SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO, SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA, SHRI D.P. SAROJ, SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV, SHRI RANEN BARMAN AND SHRI KAILASH NATH SINGH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.2.2006 REGARDING FEMALE LITERACY.

Total number of States where survey has been conducted by NGO - 28

S. Name of the State

No.

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Bihar
5. Chhatisgarh
6. Goa
7. Gujarat
8. Haryana
9. Himachal Pradesh
10. Jammu & Kashmir
11. Jharkhand
12. Karnataka
13. Kerala
14. Madhya Pradesh
15. Maharashtra
16. Manipur
17. Meghalaya
18. Nagaland
19. Orissa
20. Punjab
21. Rajasthan
22. Tamil Nadu
23. Tripura
24. Uttaranchal
25. Uttar Pradesh
26. West Bengal
27. Dadra & Nagar Haveli
28. Daman & Diu