

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Adult tribal women in tribal dominated area of West Bengal are being covered under the Adult Education Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of adult tribal women were made literate or able to read and write during the last five years in the State, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (d) the specific measures the Government proposes to take to spread literacy among adult tribal women of West Bengal?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The adult education programme is being implemented in all areas of west Bengal including the tribal dominated areas of the State. All the districts of the state have already been sanctioned the Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programme to cover adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group. Illiterate tribal people including tribal women were given special attention at the time of survey before the commencement of total/post literacy programme and also during the implementation of the programme. In addition 14 districts have been sanctioned continuing education programme.

(c) According to the information furnished by the state governments 5,11,030 adult tribal women have been made literate since the implementation of the total literacy campaign/post literacy programme since 1990-91. The district-wise break-up is given in the statement enclosed.

(d) The specific measures taken up for spreading literacy amongst the adult persons including tribal women are:

- (i) Formulating literacy projects for the residual illiterates particularly for tribal women.
- (ii) Extending the continuing education programme to all the districts of the state.
- (iii) Self help groups have been formed among women including tribals who are attending literacy centres.