

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2135
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NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Literacy Mission is proposed to be recast as National Female Literacy Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the illiterate males would form a part of the mandate of the recast Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any plan/scheme to educate the illiterate males;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which 100 per cent literacy target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

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

- a) to (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to recast the National Literacy Mission to focus on literacy of women. Action has already been initiated to recast the Mission and seek necessary approvals.
- (c) to (f) Yes, Sir. The prime focus of the Mission would be on women and they would constitute the major component of its clientele. However, males would not be excluded from its ambit.
- (g) The Government have fixed the target of achieving 80% literacy by 2012.