

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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EDUCATION OF DALIT GIRLS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the status of education of dalit girls in the country is very poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote education among dalit girls and women;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide a special package at State level for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a): Literacy rate amongst SC females has constantly improved as seen from the following last five decadal census figures:

Census Literacy rate amongst
SC females

1961 03.3

1971 06.4

1981 10.9

1991 23.8

2001 41.9

(b): The State-wise literacy rate amongst SC female, as per 2001 Census is given in the annexed statement.

(c) to (e): Following important schemes for educational development of Scheduled Caste male and female students are being implemented:

- (i) Post matric scholarship scheme for SC Students
- (ii) National overseas scholarship for SC etc candidates.
- (iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC students
- (iv) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (for SC girls)
- (v) Free Coaching for SCs
- (vi) Upgradation of Merit of SC students

(vii) Top Class education for SC students

Special focus is given to education of girls from SC community under the following schemes:

(i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

(ii) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

(iii) National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL)