

**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 the Government has recently launched 'Saakshar Bharat' an Adult Education Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the programme;
- (c) the number and percentage of illiterate persons in the country at present, age-group-wise and gender-wise in each State/UT;
- (d) the number of SC/ST, OBC and various minorities amongst them;
- (e) the funds allocated under the programme to each State/UT during the current year; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the successful implementation of the programme?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The programme provides for comprehensive opportunities of adult education, including literacy, equivalency, skill development and continuing education, primarily to women and disadvantaged groups, specially SCs, STs and minorities, in rural areas of districts having adult female literacy of 50% or below (as per 2001 census).

(c) & (d): Present status of literacy in the country would be available after completion of 2011 census. A Statement indicating State-wise, gender-wise number and percentage of illiterate persons as per census 2001, in 7+ age group and number of SC/ST and various minorities amongst them is appended as Annexure -I .

(e): The statement is appended as Annexure-II.

(f): To make the programme successful, the accent is on Access, Equity, Quality and Good Governance. Panchyati Raj Institutions have been assigned the principal responsibility of implementation of the programme. To promote Quality, the Scheme provides for development of a Core Curriculum Framework and high quality teaching learning material, improving quality of literacy educators, individual assessment and certification of learners, infusion of new learning technologies, promotion of literate environment and adequate resource support to the implementing agencies. A web based accounting system to facilitate 'Just-in-Time' release of funds and also robust monitoring and evaluation system have been devised to infuse transparency, accountability and organizational efficiency in implementation.