

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

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

- (a) whether there are a large number of illiterates in the country and the number of illiterates is double the national average in several States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large amount is targeted to be spent on the scheme for educating the illiterates under the 11th Five year Plan out of which a large amount has not been spent in several States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the prospective scheme for the literacy of illiterates and the time by which illiteracy is likely to be eradicated?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As per census 2001, 30,41,02,917 persons in 7+ age group were illiterate in the country. There is no national average of number of illiterates and therefore question of several states having number of illiterates double the national average does not arise.
- (c) & (d) Saakshar Bharat, the programme meant for making non-literates literate has an approved outlay of Rs.6365.26 crore, out of which central share is Rs.5257 crore. The programme has become implementable with effect from 01/10/2009. During the financial year 2009-2010, the budget allocation for the scheme was Rs.345.00 crore only. Of this 325.98 crore has been allocated to 19 States towards implementation of Saakshar Bharat. States are in process of utilising the funds allocated to them.
- (e) The Government have launched the new variant of National Literacy Mission, namely Saakshar Bharat with the aim of achieving 80% literacy by the end of XI Plan period.