

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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) the number of districts covered under various adult literacy programmes at the end of Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plan periods;
- (b) the number of districts proposed to be covered by these programmes at the end of Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the number of male and female adults covered under 'Saakshar Bharat' during the current plan period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the gender gap between male and female adults?

Answer

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

- (a) 544 districts were covered under literacy programmes by the end of Ninth Plan. The number increased to 597 by the end of Tenth Plan period. In X I Plan, a new programme, Saakshar Bharat, has been launched. 167 districts have been covered under this programme so far.
- (b) No decision to this effect has been taken as targets are fixed plan period wise at the beginning/during a particular Five Year Plan.
- (c) A statement indicating State/UT-wise number of male and female adults aimed to be covered under Saakshar Bharat is appended at annexure-I.
- (d) Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission, has been launched primarily to bridge the gender gap.