

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

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SAAKSHAR BHARAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria followed for inclusion of States under "Saakshar Bharat" scheme;
- (b) whether several States have sought additional assistance from the Union Government for implementation of the scheme in their States during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated therefor so far?

Answer

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

(a) Adult female literacy in a district is the criteria followed for inclusion of States under "Saakshar Bharat" scheme. Only that district in a State/Union Territory that has adult female literacy rate of 50% or less (as per census, 2001) is eligible for coverage under Saakshar Bharat.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Proposals received from different States are under consideration. The Executive Committee of National Literacy Mission Authority that met on 20th July, 2010 has approved implementation of the programme in 43 districts in the current financial year with an estimated project cost of Rs. 248.11 crore.