

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX OF SCs  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the human development index is still very low among the Scheduled Castes (SCs);
- (b) if so, the literacy rate of SCs, State-wise;
- (c) the funds released during the last three financial years for their social and educational development;
- (d) the details of performance of each State and Union Territory; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to periodically review their achievements in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRID. NAPOLEON)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement of the State-wise literacy rate of SCs is given at, Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) A Statement indicating the funds released during the last 3 financial years for social and educational development of SCs is given at Annexure-II.

The statements showing central assistance released under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for educational empowerment of SCs ,State wise, during last three years are at Annexure III-VI.

(e) The performance of these schemes is reviewed with the State Governments. In the current financial year, Meetings with various States have been held on 18th October, 1st and 9th November, 2010 respectively, wherein, inter alia, the disbursement of scholarships through bank accounts, timely construction of hostels, and effective implementation of PCR & POA Acts etc. were reviewed. Further, the funds are released to the State Governments/UT Administrations only on receipt of Utilization Certificates for the grants released to them during the previous year. Evaluation studies are also got conducted from time to time of major Schemes of the Ministry.