

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

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FEMALE LITERACY

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

(a) whether the Government has made substantial changes to achieve 100 percent literacy target for women by the end of Eleventh Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments have been given directions to focus on female literacy to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details of other assistance the Central Government proposes to provide to the State Government where female literacy is very low, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government have targeted to bridge the gender gap in literacy to 10% by the end of the Eleventh Plan period. To achieve this goal National Literacy Mission has been recast as Saakshar Bharat with a renewed focus on women. 365 districts in the country, having adult female literacy rate of 50% or less, as per Census 2001, have been identified in 25 (Twenty five) States and 1 (one) UT for coverage under the new Mission. It has been decided to cover these districts in a phased manner. Saakshar Bharat has been sanctioned for implementation to 167 districts in 19 states during 2009-10. 43 more districts have been sanctioned for coverage under Saakshar Bharat during 2010- 11. All the States and other stakeholders have been oriented on implementation of the programme. Financial assistance to the States is provided as per the approved financial norms of 'Saakshar Bharat'.