

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADULT LITERACY

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

- (a) the details of persons in the age group of 15-35 in the country who received education under the Adult Literacy Programme during the last three years ending 31 December, 2010, year-wise, State-wise;
- (b) the expenditure sanctioned and incurred, separately on the programme during the above period, year-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether the funds meant for the programme are not being utilized fully by some States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

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

- (a) 70.27 lakh persons have been covered in Adult Literacy Programmes during 2007-10. The State-wise annual coverage under the programmes during this period is at Annexure-I.
- (b) to (d) Details of funds allocations during the period can be seen at Annexure-II. Accounts of expenditure out of funds sanctioned earlier are in the process of being settled.
- (e) The Government has recently launched a new variant of National Literacy Mission, as Saakshar Bharat, with specific objective of improving adult literacy. The programme encompasses functional literacy, skill development, equivalency programme and life long learning opportunities through continuing education. To encourage adults to join the literacy campaign, the entire cost of the teaching learning material and literacy teaching will be met by the Government. The programme also provides for environment building and mass mobilization to motivate the non-literacy to join the literacy campaign. Simultaneously a robust MIS is being developed for monitoring the expenditure.