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

- (a) the gender-wise number of illiterates in each State/Union Territory at present;
- (b) the details of the expenditure sanctioned and incurred on National Literacy Mission during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12, Year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the achievements made so far under the said scheme;
- (d) the details of the States achieving high literacy rate in the country and those lagging behind; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the level of literacy in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) A statement indicating the gender-wise number of illiterates in each State/Union Territory as per provisional data of census report 2011 is at annexure-I.
- (b) A statement of funds allocated during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 year-wise and State-wise is at annexure-II.
- (c) The scheme is under implementation in different stages. 70,474 Adult Education Centres have been reported to be set up in as many Gram Panchayats. Survey to identify non-literates for Basic Literacy Programme has been undertaken in 11 States and 259.56 lakh learners have been identified.
- (d) As per the provisional report of census 2011, Kerala has the highest literacy rate of 93.91 percent and Bihar has the lowest literacy rate of 68.32 percent in literacy. A statement indicating the rank of State/Union Territory by literacy rate is at annexure-III.
- (e) Government of India has launched Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission, on 8th September, 2009 to improve adult literacy. In order to improve literacy in the age group of 6 to 14, Government have enacted Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.