

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1660  
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011  
SCS STS LITERACY RATE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the percentage of illiteracy among people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the literacy rate among the aforesaid categories?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No, Sir. No specific survey has been conducted by the Government to assess the percentage of illiteracy among people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country. The literacy data, in general, as well as pertaining to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in the country is collated once in ten years through decennial Census. As SC/ST wise data of Census of 2011 is not yet released, a statement indicating the State-wise illiteracy rate (7+ age group) of SCs and STs, based on 2001 Census data, is annexed.

(c): Two flagship programmes of the Government, namely, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Saakshar Bharat are in progress to raise the literacy rate in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years (and beyond) respectively. Both the programmes have a special focus on people belonging to SCs and STs.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1660 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2011 RAISED BY DR. KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI REGARDING SCs/STs LITERACY RATE:

STATE-WISE ILLITERACY RATE OF SCs AND STs.

S.No.	State/UT	ILLITERACY RATE (7+age group)	
	SC	ST	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	46.48	62.96
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	32.36	50.38
3.	Assam	33.22	37.48
4.	Bihar	71.53	71.83

5.	Chhattisgarh	36.04	47.91
6.	Goa	28.08	44.12
7.	Gujarat	29.50	52.26
8.	Haryana	44.45	-
9.	Himachal Pradesh	29.69	37.50
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	40.97	62.54
11.	Jharkhand	62.44	59.33
12.	Karnataka	47.13	51.73
13.	Kerala	17.34	36.65
14.	Madhya Pradesh	41.43	58.84
15.	Maharashtra	28.10	44.79
16.	Manipur	27.68	34.15
17.	Meghalaya	43.73	38.66
18.	Mizoram	10.80	10.66

19.	Nagaland	-	34.05
20.	Orissa	44.47	62.63
21.	Punjab	43.78	-
22.	Rajasthan	47.76	55.34
23.	Sikkim	36.96	32.86
24.	Tamil Nadu	36.81	58.47
25.	Tripura	25.32	43.52
26.	Uttaranchal	53.73	64.87
27.	Uttar Pradesh	36.60	36.77
28.	West Bengal	40.96	56.60
29.	A & N Islands	-	33.31
30.	Chandigarh	32.34	-
31.	D & N Haveli	21.75	58.76
32.	Daman & Diu	14.87	36.58

33.	Delhi	29.15	-
34.	Lakshadweep	-	13.86
35.	Pondicherry	30.88	-
	All India	45.31	52.90

Source: Based on data of 2001 Census.