

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:494  
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2011  
INCENTIVE TO HIGH LITERACY STATES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to incentivize high literacy States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any working group to devise measures to achieve total literacy in the country within a stipulated time period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is expected to achieve education for all in the next 10 years;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken/ being taken by the Government to achieve total literacy in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 494 FOR 07.09.2011  
ASKED BY PROF. Sk. SAIDUL HAQUE AND SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN REGARDING INCENTIVE TO HIGH LITERACY STATES

(a) & (b) No sir.

(c) & (d) The Planning Commission has constituted a Working Group on 'Elementary Education and Literacy' for the XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017). The Working Group has further constituted a Sub-Group on Adult Education. The Terms of Reference of the Sub-Group are annexed.

(e) to (g) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has become operational from 1st April, 2010. All children in the 6-14 age group have a fundamental right to free and compulsory education. The Government has revised the framework of implementation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act, and the States are making consistent progress towards the goal of universal elementary education. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched to universalise access to secondary education.

The Government launched Saakshar Bharat Programme in September, 2009 to improve literacy levels of population in the age group of 15 and beyond. The Government is also committed towards improving the overall quality of education and removing gender and social category gaps.