

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LITERACY LEVEL AMONG TRIBAL COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the level of literacy of tribal communities is relatively low as compared to the other communities in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released for education of tribal population during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the literacy level of tribals in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) State-wise literacy rate of total population and scheduled tribes population and gap in literacy rate as per 2001 Census are given at Annexure I. The low level of socio-economic development and their habitations in inaccessible areas are some of the reasons for low literacy rate among the scheduled tribes.
- (c) The state-wise funds sanctioned and released during the last three years and the current year under the education oriented schemes are given at Annexure II.
- (d) In order to improve the literacy level of students belonging to the scheduled tribe communities, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the education oriented schemes which include Post Matric Scholarship for ST students, Hostels for ST girls and boys, Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas, Upgradation of Merit, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students, Top Class Education for ST students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST students. These are supplementary to the efforts made by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.