

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

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LITERACY TARGET

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

- (a) whether the rise in literacy rate from 1991 to 2001 was 12 percent amongst men and 14.4 percent amongst women and the 2011 census has recorded a substantial decline in the rate of literacy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether various programmes being run by the Government are failing to achieve their targets;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the reasons for non-achievement of literacy targets; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Rise in literacy rate from 1991 to 2001 was 11.13 percent amongst men and 14.38 percent amongst women. Census of 2011 has not recorded a decline in the rate of literacy. As per provisional data of Census 2011, the rate of literacy has increased to 74.04% from 64.84% in 2001.
- (c), (d) & (e): No, Sir.