

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

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NCF FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether as per 2001 census, 25952 million adults in the age group of 15 years and above are non-literates and, therefore, living a life of marginalization and utter deprivation;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has appointed an Expert Committee to draft the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) to improve adult education in the age group of 15 years and above;
- (c) if so, the recommendations made by the Expert Committee; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government on the recommendations of the Committee?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As per 2001 census, 259.52 million adults in the age group of 15 years and above were non-literate in India.
- (b) to (d) Yes Sir. Government has constituted an Expert Committee to draft the National Curriculum Framework for basic literacy & continuing education (Adult Education). The Committee had submitted its report in March, 2011 and has since been placed in public domain for wider consultation with stake holders. Only on conclusion of the consultative process and submission of the final reports, Government can examine its recommendations.