

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

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EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to raise the standard of education of women/girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government for the education of women to make them strong and self-reliant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total funds sanctioned/released for the implementation of such scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (f) the results achieved in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Raising female literacy rate and reducing gender gap in literacy are the major objectives of the 11th Five Year Plan. To achieve these objectives, Government have been implementing major Schemes including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) – Right to Education (RTE), Mid Day Meal (MDM), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Saakshar Bharat with principal focus on women/girls.

(e) The state-wise details of the total funds sanctioned/released for the implementation of these schemes during the last three years and the current year, are at Annexure.

(f) The Census of 2011 has reported that the literacy rate among women has increased from 53.67 to 65.46 percent and the gender gap has reduced from 21.59 percentile points to 16.68 percentile points from 2001 to 2011.