

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

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

- (a) the literacy rate of ST male/female in the various tribal dominated States of the country during the last three years; (b) the pass percentage of SC/ST students in 10th and 12th standard examinations in various States of the country during the said period; and
- (c) the reasons for low literacy rate and low pass percentage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) Data on literacy levels is collected through decadal census and not annually. The literacy rate of ST males and females in various States, as per last available report (Census 2001), is at Annexure-I.
- (b) The State wise details of pass percentage of SC/ST students in Secondary School (Class X) and Senior School Certificate (Class XII) Examinations conducted by CBSE during the last 3 years is at Annexure-II.
- (c) Comparatively low literacy rate among SCs/STs is on account of varied socio-economic factors. Pass percentage of SC/ST students is not significantly different from the State average in most of the States. In some of the States it is even higher than the State average.