

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:97
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2009
NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently reviewed the functioning of the National Literacy Mission (NLM);
- (b) if so, the outcome of the review;
- (c) the actual literacy rate among men and women in the urban and rural areas in each State/U.T.;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revitalise the organisational set up for effective implementation of the Mission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 97 FOR 25.11.2009 ASKED BY SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA REGARDING NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme was subjected to extensive in-house and external review. This in-depth appraisal revealed certain inadequacies in the design, architecture and mode of implementation of the programme. These include limited involvement of the State Governments in the programme, lack of convergence of programmes under Continuing Education Programme (CEP), weak management and supervisory structures, lack of community participation and inadequate funding.

The modified Scheme has been drawn up after removing the shortcomings noted in its preceding edition, and also has added several new features to it. Basic Literacy, Post literacy and Continuing Education, under the modified scheme will form a continuum, rather than as sequential segments. Besides, the volunteer based approach, provision has been made for alternative approaches to adult education. Lok Shiksha Kendras (Adult Education Centres) (AECs), will be set up to provide the entire range of Adult Education, including, Literacy, Post Literacy, Basic Education, Vocational Education and Life Long Learning within their territorial jurisdiction. State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions, along with communities, will be valued stakeholders in the new programme. Vigorous management systems, including monitoring and evaluation systems, will be installed. Budgetary support has also been enhanced substantially.

- (c) The literacy rate among men and women in urban and rural areas in each State/U.T. is annexed.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Panchayats have been designated as the implementing agency at the operational level. At State level, the State Literacy Mission Authority, headed by Chief Minister or the Education Minister of the State, will be responsible for management, implementation and monitoring of the Mission. In the States, where Panchayati Raj Institutions are functioning, management and monitoring will be the responsibility of Shiksha Samities at the District, Block and Village level headed by District/Block/Gram Panchayat Presidents respectively.