

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:863  
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LITERACY AMONG THE INMATES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Tihar Jail has secured 100 per cent literacy among the inmates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a similar strategy is proposed to be adopted for other jails in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Delhi Prisons have nearly achieved 100 percent literacy rate. In case of new prisoners, who are illiterate, they are enrolled in illiteracy programme named as 'Padho Aur Padhao'. It is ensured that they become neo-literate within a week.

(c) to (d): Formal training programmes are offered to the prisoners with the help of National Open School, IGNOU, State Open universities, Distance Education Board and the technical courses are offered in collaboration with the Technical Training Institutes of various states. The Government is giving training to educated prisoners to enable them to teach less-educated and illiterate prisoners. Special attention is given to illiterate inmates so that he may be able to read and write his name within a week. Advance educational avenues are also available to prisoners so that if they want to pursue higher studies they may do so through open universities/technical institutions.