

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:175

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2012

LITERACY RATE

Mandal Shri Mangani Lal;Premdas Shri

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

(a) the current literacy rate in the country; State/gender-wise;

(b) the details of the expenditure sanctioned and incurred on National Literacy Mission during the last three years and the current year, State/year-wise;

(c) the achievements made so far under the said scheme;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide special assistance to the States which are below national average and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the level of literacy in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU)

(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. 175 FOR 05.12.2012 ASKED BY SHRI PREMDAS AND SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL REGARDING LITERACY RATE.

(a): A statement indicating current literacy rate in the country, State/gender-wise as per 2011 Census, is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b): A statement indicating the details of funds released as Central Share during the last three years and the current year, State/ year-wise under Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of National Literacy Mission, is enclosed as Annexure-II.

(c): The programme has been sanctioned in 372 out of 410 eligible districts of 25 States and 1 Union Territory. As on 30th September, 2012, 1,00,524 Adult Education Centres are reported to have been set up; survey has been completed in 94,483 Gram Panchayats; 6,69, 84,443 learners have been identified; teaching learning process has commenced in 11,38, 088 Literacy Centres and 144 lakh learners have been certified as literate through assessment by the National Institute of Open Schooling, New Delhi.

(d): No Sir. However, only rural areas in educationally backward districts (districts, including new districts carved out of erstwhile districts, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent or below, as per 2001 census), besides left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rate, are eligible for coverage under Saakshar Bharat.

(e): Government have enacted The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and launched Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to raise literacy level, in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and above, respectively in the country.