

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LITERACY RATE AMONGST MINORITY COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total percentage of literacy rate amongst the minority communities in the country;
- (b) the details of the programmes or schemes that have been launched by the Government to increase the literacy rate among them; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a): The total percentage of literacy rate among the minority communities in the country as per 2001 census is as under:

Muslims - 59.1%
Christians - 80.3%
Sikhs - 69.4%
Buddhists - 72.7%
Parsis - No separate data is available for Parsi community.

(b): Government has 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 including minority communities.

(c): 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-I.