

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

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NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently reviewed the functioning of national literacy mission;
- (b) if so, the outcome of the review thereof;
- (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 the effective implementation of the National Literacy Mission;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the country is far from reaching the target of 100 per cent literacy and if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government has constituted any working group to revise measures to achieve total literacy in the country within a stipulated time period;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the time by which the said target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b) Since the launch of Saakshar Bharat, the new variant of the National Literacy Mission, in September 2009, the Mission has been sanctioned in 372 districts and its functioning is reviewed periodically. As per the recent review held in November 2012, the functioning of the programme in Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh has been found to be below par.
- (c) A statement indicating State/ UT wise literacy rate among men and women in the urban and rural areas, as per the provisional data of Census 2011, is annexed.
- (d) & (e) The Planning Commission has recommended that the mandate of existing programme structures, including the National Literacy Mission Authority at the apex level, the State Literacy Mission Authorities at the State level and the Lok Shiksha Samitis at the District, Block and the Gram Panchayat levels, as well as the resource support bodies, would be remodeled, strengthened and aligned to lifelong learning and literacy. In addition, the active involvement of public authorities at all administrative levels, civil society, the private sector, community and adult learners' organisations in the development, implementation & evaluation of adult learning & education programmes would be obtained.
- (f) As per Census 2011, the country is 25.96 % short of 100 percent literacy.
- (g) & (h) No Sir.
- (i) The time by which 100 percent literacy is likely to be achieved is not fixed.