

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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LITERACY RATE AMONG TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of literacy among the Scheduled Tribes in the country according to the last census, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the breakup of male and female tribal literacy rate, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the literacy rate among tribals along with the achievement made as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a) & (b): The rate of literacy and the break-up of male and female literacy rates among the Scheduled Tribes, State/UT-wise, is given in Annexure.

(c): To improve the literacy level of students belonging to the Scheduled Tribe communities, besides usual reservation for ST students, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the education-oriented schemes which include Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students, Hostels for ST girls and boys, Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas, Upgradation of Merit through coaching and remedial classes, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students, Top Class Education for ST students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST students. These are supplementary to the efforts made by other Ministries. These schemes along with various schemes of other line Ministries have resulted in higher Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by the ST boys and girls.