

**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 literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) indicating the break-up of male and female literacy rates and its comparison vis-à-vis the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government to improve the literacy level of ST along with the financial assistance released and utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the achievements made under the said schemes along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the said period, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note that the tribals living in remote areas of the country do not have easy access to educational and employment opportunities; and
- (e) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government for their upliftment?

**Answer**

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

(a): The literacy rate among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) indicating the break-up of male and female literacy rates and its comparison vis-à-vis the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise, is as per Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of Ministry of Human Resource Development and State Governments through the implementation of education-oriented schemes to improve the literacy level among the tribals and provide education and related facilities to Scheduled Tribes Students. The Schemes are - Scheme of Construction of Hostels for ST girls and boys, Scheme of Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas, Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students., Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in classes IX and X, Vocational Training in Tribal Areas, Upgradation of Merit of ST students, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for STs, Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for STs and Top Class Education for ST students. The Schemes are implemented through the State Governments/UTs and concerned Institutes. State-wise release of funds to the State Governments under various schemes during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): The Government having recognized the need of bringing the Tribal population at par with the rest of the population in the field of education, it was decided during 1997-98 to utilize a part of the funds under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India for setting up of 100 Model Residential Schools from Class VI to Class XII in different States in remote areas with the objective of providing quality education to the ST students. Under the Special Area Programme being administered by this Ministry, namely 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan' (SCA to TSP), which was launched as early as during the Fifth Five-Year Plan, the objective and scope of which was originally meant for filling up of the critical gaps in the family-based income-generation activities of the TSP, has been expanded to cover the employment-cum-income generation activities and the infrastructure incidental thereto not only family-based, but also run by the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) Community. The ultimate objective of extending SCA to TSP is to boost the demand-based income-generation programmes and thus raise the economic and social status of tribals.