

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

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

- (a) the details of the districts selected for Saakshar Bharat Mission in the country including Rajasthan since the inception of the Mission;
- (b) the criteria followed for selection of a district thereunder; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized under the Saakshar Bharat Mission since it was launched in 2009, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A district, including a new district carved out of an erstwhile district, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 percent or below, as per 2001 census, is eligible for coverage under the Saakshar Bharat programme. In addition, all left-wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rate, are also eligible for coverage under the programme. The eligible districts are covered under the programme in a phased manner. A statement listing the total number of eligible districts is at Annexure-I.

(c) A State-wise statement indicating the funds allocated towards the central share and utilized under the Saakshar Bharat programme since its launch in September 2009 is at Annexure-II.