

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NGOS IN NATIONAL LITERACY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance provided to NGOs under the National Literacy Mission Schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the results achieved during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of the NGOs involved in the Mission;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take action against those NGOs with unsatisfactory performance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) The Saakshar Bharat Scheme and the Scheme for Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development are the two schemes implemented by the National Literacy Mission Authority. The State-wise/ year-wise details of the financial assistance provided to NGOs under these schemes during the last three years and the current year are annexed.

(b) The State Resource Centre and Jan Shikshan Sansthan are the two major components of the Scheme of Support to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. During 2010-2013 and 2013-14, besides continuing their mandated role of providing academic support to the States for literacy programmes through the preparation of teaching learning/training material, training of literacy functionaries etc, the State Resource Centres undertook various other activities including orientation and capacity building of Saakshar Bharat functionaries and facilitating implementation of Saakshar Bharat. The Jan Shikshan Sansthans have provided vocational training to 18.56 lakh persons. The Saakshar Bharat Yatra organized by the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti covered over 15000 Gram Panchayats in 187 Districts in 22 States of the country.

(c) The evaluation of the NGOs involved in the scheme is undertaken periodically by the National Literacy Mission Authority, internally as well as through external agencies.

(d) The reviews have shown that the system of monitoring of performances requires further strengthening; financial norms need to be adhered to scrupulously; there is a need for capacity building of staff; adequate infrastructure needs to be made available to carry out assigned roles; and the activities of NGOs need to be demand-led and relevant to the core beneficiaries of the scheme. Important remedial measures aimed at further improving the implementation of the Scheme include: (i) the development of a web-based Monitoring and Information System; (ii) on-line submission of Annual Action Plans; (iii) the standardization of curriculum of vocational courses and certification; (iv) conduct of market surveys to identify the vocations relevant to their clientele; (v) the introduction of an institutionalized mechanism of standardized accounting system and regular performance audit; and (vi) the inclusion of vocations which are relevant to the Scheme's clientele.

(e)&(f) Whenever instances of omission or commission come to the notice of the National Literacy Mission Authority, it takes appropriate action, including stoppage of grant or even cancellation of allotments to the concerned institutions.