

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:181

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009

SAKSHAR BHARAT

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a new adult literacy programme called "Sakshar Bharat" on the International literacy day;
- (b) if so, the salient features of this programme;
- (c) the funding pattern of the programme; and
- (d) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to successfully implement this programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 181 FOR 02.12.2009 ASKED BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE REGARDING SAKSHAR BHARAT

(a) & (b) Yes,Sir.With the aim of bridging gender gap and reducing regional,as well as social disparities in literacy, the programme will provide comprehensive opportunities of adult education primarily to women with focus on disadvantaged groups,specially SCs,STs and minorities,in rural areas. Basic Literacy, Post literacy and Continuing Education,under the scheme,will form a continuum rather than sequential segments.Besides the volunteer based mass campaign approach, provision has been made for alternative approaches to adult education.Lok Shiksha Kendras (Adult Education Centres) will be set up in Gram Panchayats to coordinate the entire range of Adult Education,including Literacy,Post Literacy,Basic Education,Vocational Education and Life Long Learning within their territorial jurisdiction.State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions,along with civil society and community,will be valued stakeholders in the programme.

(c) The programme cost will be shared by Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25 respectively except in the North Eastern Region (NER) where the sharing will be in the ratio of 90:10.

(d) To make the programme successful,the accent is on Access, Equity, Quality and Good Governance.To ensure access,an Adult Education Centre, with two coordinators,will be set up in each Gram Panchayat covered under the scheme.To make the programme inclusive,of the targeted beneficiaries,at least 85% will be women,20% SCs, 11% STs and 17% Minorities.To make it participatory, Gram Panchayats will be the implementing agencies at the grass roots level.To ensure Quality, the Scheme provides for Core Curriculum Framework,high quality teaching learning material,improving quality of literacy educators,assessment and certification,new learning technologies,promotion of literate environment and adequate resource support.A web based accounting system to facilitate 'Just-in-Time' release of funds and also robust monitoring and evaluation system have been devised to infuse transparency, accountability and organizational efficiency in implementation.