

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of literacy ratio amongst the women;
- (b) if so, the ranking of India in relation to other countries in the world in this regard;
- (c) whether the lack of proper infrastructural development and illiteracy amongst women folk are hindrance to the development of the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons due to which the schemes meant for literacy of women are lagging behind;
- (e) whether any targets were set to make women literate during the last three years; and
- (f) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The assessment of literacy ratio is being done as part of the census exercise. The last such assessment was done during the Census-2001.
- (b): As per the United Nations Development Programme Report 2009, the ranking of India in adult literacy rate in the world is 147.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): The main reasons for low literacy rates among females in the country are social, cultural and religious.
- (e): No, Madam.
- (f): Does not arise.