

**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 number and percentage of illiterate persons in the country at present, age-group-wise in each State/UT;
- (b) the number of SCs, STs, OBCs and women among them; and
- (c) the steps the Government proposes to take to improve the literacy level among them?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): The details of illiterate persons in the country age- group-wise and gender, SCs/STs wise in each State/UT is annexed.Data on OBC,non-literates has not been collected separately.
- (c): The Government has recently launched a new variant of National Literacy Mission,namely,Saakshar Bharat,with specific objective of improving adult literacy,especially among women,SCs and STs and other disadvantaged sections in the country.