

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the names of the districts in which Saakshar Bharat Mission scheme is being implemented in the country;
- (b) the criteria laid down for implementing the said scheme in a district;
- (c) the existing monitoring mechanism for conducting assessment and review of the scheme; and
- (d) the names of the districts identified by the said mechanism where the scheme is not being implemented effectively along with the action taken by the Government in this regard and success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) A statement listing the names of eligible districts under the Saakshar Bharat Mission in the country is annexed.
- (b) A district, including a new district carved out of an erstwhile district that had an adult female literacy rate of 50 percent or below, as per the 2001 census, is eligible for coverage under the Saakshar Bharat programme. In addition, left-wing extremism-affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rate, are also eligible for coverage under the programme.
- (c) The implementation of the scheme is rigorously reviewed by the National Literacy Mission Authority by conducting monthly, quarterly and regional review meetings with the State Governments and other stakeholders at various levels. Assessment and reviews are also made by the State Governments, the State Literacy Mission Authorities and the District Authorities at their level. A web-based Management Information System (MIS) as well as Fund and Accounts Management System (FAMS) have been designed and put in place for on-line monitoring of the Programme. In addition, the District Level Committee, headed by the senior most member of Lok Sabha from the district, constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development for monitoring of different programmes includes Saakshar Bharat. Further, a consortium of three IIMs – IIM Lucknow, IIM Bangalore and IIM Shillong- has been assigned the task of conducting a mid-term review of the programme.
- (d) Based on overall performance, the districts in the States of Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have been found lagging behind in effective implementation of the programme. Letters from Hon'ble Minister, Human Resource Development to the Chief Ministers of respective States, capacity building of functionaries, community mobilization campaigns and review meetings at State headquarters are some of the initiatives aimed at sensitising the State Governments for bringing further momentum to the programme.