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National Literacy Mission

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of National Literacy Mission and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (b) the details of male and female literacy rates in urban and rural areas separately, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revive its organisational structure for effective implementation of the said Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Yes Madam. The mid-term review of Saakshar Bharat (SB), was carried out in 2013 by IIM Lucknow, IIM Bangalore and IIM Shillong for selected states of Northern, Southern and North-Eastern regions of the country respectively. Overall, the findings of review depicted a positive picture of the implementation of Saakshar Bharat. It has been reported that in general, the programme was received well across the States and this fact is reflected through increased participation of learners and demand for literacy. However, the need for effective monitoring at ground level; improving visibility of the programme; and increasing the motivational level of functionaries etc. have been identified as some of the challenges in the implementation of programme. Likewise, slow pace of programme in remote locations; non availability of skilled man power; inconsistent flow of funds; and limited use of technology by implementing agencies of the programme have been termed as some of the areas of concern which require attention.

(b) A statement indicating State/UT-wise male and female literacy rates in urban and rural areas in the country, in the age group of 7 and above, as reported by Census 2011, is annexed.

(c) & (d) For effective implementation of Saakshar Bharat Scheme management and supervisory structures viz. Lok Shiksha Samitis at district, block and gram panchayat levels have been set up with adequate representation of women. National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA) and State Literacy Mission Authorities perform their role as, facilitators and resource providers at National and State levels respectively. The above organizational structure has been designed considering participation of all stake holders, specially at the grass roots level and may not require any change at present.
