

Title: Need to take steps to accelerate literacy rate in the country.

DR. K. DHANARAJU (TINDMANAM): Though India has progressed in many fields and achieved many targets but is very much backward in the matter of education as we see from the literacy rate data. Literacy rate is very poor. Government of India have also identified 146 districts in 12 states which speaks itself the poor state of affairs.

The Government should earmark a list of districts with no Institution from among Kendriya Vidyalayas and community Polytechnic. Such schools should be opened in priority basis.

Central Government should relax the norms and accordingly also instruct the state Governments for opening primary schools, providing scholarships/fellowships, uniforms, stationery. School bags, reservation of seats in admission in educational institutions, relaxation in cut off marks in admission, primary Education Programme, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, opening of residential schools, educational complexes in low literacy pockets and opening of hostels for SC/ST students. Special coaching to improve academic skill, preparation of text books in tribal languages and opening of educational complexes in low literacy pockets for girls belongings to SC/ST and OBCs should be well though of.

Apart from this, the Government should open more residential schools community colleges, ITIs, evening schools and night learning centers.

Sir, I am confident that if the above steps are taken, the literacy rate will go up not only in the backward districts but also in all parts of the country.