

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3504
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019

Female Literacy

†3504. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

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

- (a) the female literacy level in Gujarat at present along with its rank in the whole country at present;
- (b) the reasons for lower female literacy rate in Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase female literacy level in Gujarat?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial census operation conducted by Registrar General of India. The last Census was held in 2011. A statement indicating State/UT and rank-wise female literacy rate in the country including Gujarat, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is **annexed**. The female literacy rate in Gujarat is 69.68 per cent compared to the national average of female literacy rate of 64.63 per cent and stands at 21st place in the country. Various factors viz. poverty, gender and social inequities, etc. are impeding female literacy in the country.

(c) In order to improve the female literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT, including 13 districts in Gujarat, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, and including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. The scheme was extended upto 31.03.2018.

In addition, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3504 FOR 15.07.2019 ASKED BY SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR REGARDING “FEMALE LITERACY”.

Rank-wise Female Literacy rate in the country, in the age group of 7 and above, as per the Census 2011

Sl. No.	Name of States / UTs	Female Literacy Rate
		India
1	Kerala	92.07
2	Mizoram	89.27
3	Lakshadweep	87.95
4	Goa	84.66
5	Tripura	82.73
6	A & N Islands	82.43
7	Chandigarh	81.19
8	NCT of Delhi	80.76
9	Puducherry	80.67
10	Daman & Diu	79.55
11	Nagaland	76.11
12	Himachal Pradesh	75.93
13	Maharashtra	75.87
14	Sikkim	75.61
15	Tamil Nadu	73.44
16	Meghalaya	72.89
17	Punjab	70.73
18	West Bengal	70.54
19	Manipur	70.26
20	Uttarakhand	70.01
21	Gujarat	69.68
22	Karnataka	68.08
23	Assam	66.27
24	Haryana	65.94
25	D & N Haveli	64.32
26	Odisha	64.01
27	Chhattisgarh	60.24
28	Madhya Pradesh	59.24
29	Andhra Pradesh (Undivided)	59.15
30	Arunachal Pradesh	57.70
31	Uttar Pradesh	57.18
32	Jammu & Kashmir	56.43
33	Jharkhand	55.42
34	Rajasthan	52.12
35	Bihar	51.50
