

<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>		
	<i>Amount sanctioned</i>	<i>Amount disbursed</i>
3. Grants in aid for research projects	30.10	12.54
Total	894.23	645.45

[*Translation*]

Literacy Rate

*131. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRI JANARDAN MISRA :

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

(a) the literacy rates as per 1951 and 1991 census, State-wise;

(b) whether the rate of growth of literacy has consistently increased;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the rate of growth of female literacy has gone up as compared to male literacy during the last decade;

(e) the factors which are responsible for achievement of female literacy; and

(f) the steps taken to bring the States, which are below the threshold level of literacy, at the All India level of literacy ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c). The literacy rate in the country has continuously increased since 1951 as is clear from the following table :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Literacy Rate</i>	<i>Decadal increase in literacy rate</i>
1951	18.33	-
1961	28.31	9.98
1971	34.45	6.14
1981	43.56	9.11
1991	52.21	8.65

A statement showing State-wise literacy rates according to 1951 and 1991

census is attached.

Notes : 1. Literacy rates for 1951, 1961 and 1971 relate to population aged five years and above. The rates for the years 1981 and 1991 relate to the population aged seven years and above.

2. The 1981 rates exclude Assam where, the 1981 census could not be conducted. The 1991 Census rates exclude Jammu & Kashmir where the 1991 census is yet to be conducted.

(d). Yes, Sir. The female literacy rate for persons aged 7 and above, increased from 29.75% in 1981 to 39.42 in 1991, registering an increase of 9.67 percentage points. During the same period male literacy rate has gone up by 7.76 percentage points from 56.37% to 64.13%.

(e). The important factors which have contributed to an increase in female literacy rate during the last decade include creation of increasing awareness among women about the need and relevance of literacy through print and nonprint media, greater emphasis on enrolment and retention of girls in schools through various incentives, appointment of additional women teachers under the Operation Blackboard programme,

various steps taken for mobilisation of girls and women and active participation in the programme and more particularly in the districts where campaigns for total literacy have been launched, emphasis given to participation of women in the decision making process in various operations in the campaigns, greater emphasis on women education in the nonformal education programme for illiterates in the age group of 9 - 14 and organisation of programmes relating to women empowerment and literacy under the programme of Mahila Samakhya and Integrated Child Development Scheme etc.

(f). Universalisation of elementary education, non-formal education for drop outs and the national Literacy Mission (NLM) which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the age group 15-35 by 1995, form part a larger programme for eradication of illiteracy, in the country, with special efforts being made in the educationally backward States/UTs. Efforts are being made to secure progressive increase in coverage of districts in these States/UTs under total literacy campaigns which will also simultaneously ensure mobilisation and participation of girls and women in the literacy programme.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT STATE-WISE LITERACY RATE

S.No.	State/UT	Literacy Rate	
		1951	1991
INDIA		16.6*	52.21@
	States		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13.2	44.09
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.	41.59
3.	Assam	18.3**	52.89
4.	Bihar	12.2	38.48
5.	Goa	22.9+	75.51
6.	Gujarat	23.0	61.29
7.	Haryana	N.A.	55.85
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7.7	63.86

S.No.	State/UT	Literacy Rate	
		1951	1991
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.
10.	Karnataka	19.3	56.04
11.	Kerala	40.7	89.81
12.	Madhya Pradesh	9.8	44.20
13.	Maharashtra	20.9	64.87
14.	Manipur	11.4	59.89
15.	Meghalaya	N.A.	49.10
16.	Mizoram	N.A.	82.27
17.	Nagaland	10.4	61.65
18.	Orissa	15.8	49.09
19.	Punjab	15.2++	58.51

S.No.	State/UT	Literacy Rate	
		1951	1991
20.	Rajasthan	8.9	38.55
21.	Sikkim	7.3	56.94
22.	Tamil Nadu	20.8	62.66
23.	Tripura	15.5	60.44
24.	Uttar Pradesh	10.8	41.60
25.	West Bengal	24.0	57.70
	Union Territories		
1.	A & N Islands	25.8	73.02
2.	Chandigarh	N.A.	77.81
3.	D & N Haveli	4.0	40.71
4.	Daman & Diu	N.A.	71.20

S.No.	State/UT	Literacy Rate	
		1951	1991
5.	Delhi	38.4	75.29
6.	Lahshadwwp	15.2	81.78
7.	Pondicherry	N.A.	74.74

Notes :

* Excludes Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh (NEFA) & Pondicherry

** Includes Meghalaya and Mizoram

+ Includes Daman & Diu

++ Includes Haryana, Chandigarh & some areas transferred to H.P.

Excludes Jammu & Kashmir as no census was conducted in this State during 1991