

**Percentage of Literacy in the Harijans**

**6264. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM:**  
**SHRI B. S. BHAURA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of harijans children in the country in the age-group 6-12 years;

(b) how many of them are attending schools and how many are not attending schools; and

(c) what is the percentage of literacy among the Harijans in relation to the total population in the country?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN):** (a) No such information is available.

(b) The number of Scheduled Castes children on the rolls in the schools was 81,81,078 as in 1967-68 for which information is available.

(c) Total population—29.45 per cent.  
Scheduled Castes—14.71 per cent.

**Note:—1.** The above figures are of 1971 Census and are inclusive of population in the age group of 0-4.

**2.** The figure of percentage of literacy in Scheduled Castes is provisional.

**Gujarat Land Ceiling Bill for Assent of President**

**6265. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:**  
**SHRI VEKARIA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat has sent its Land Ceiling Bill for President's assent; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN):** (a) and (b). The Gujarat Agricultural Lands Ceiling (Amendment) Bill, 1972, seeking to amend the Gujarat Agricultural Lands Ceiling Act, 1960 so as to lower the ceiling limit and to acquire estates above such limit, was received in December, 1973. The said Bill was assented to on 25-2-74 by the President. The fact of assent was communicated to the State Government on 25-2-74.

**Education of Girls belonging to S.C. and S.T. in Orissa**

**6267. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI:**  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended facilities and concessions for education of girls belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State of Orissa; and

(b) their percentage of literacy as compared with girls of other Communities in the State of Orissa?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Estimated percentage of literacy as in 1971 are as follows—

Girls in general—13.75 per cent.  
Scheduled Castes girls—5.17 per cent.

Scheduled Tribes girls—2.58 per cent.

**Preservation of Tribal Culture**

**6268. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN-**

**GO:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the State Governments to