

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:171
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000
LITERACY SURVEY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any literacy survey has been carried out in the country in the recent past;
- (b) If so, the details of the findings of the survey; and
- (c) The details of the action plan to eradicate illiteracy in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 171 FOR 07.03.2000 REGARDING LITERACY SURVEY ASKED BY SHRI V. VETRISSELVAN & SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA.

(b) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) have updated the literacy data upto December, 1997 in their 53rd Round. The main findings as compared to 1991 census data are as follows:-

LITERACY RATES CENSUS 1999 NSSO 1997

All Persons	52.2	62.00
Male	64.1	73.00
Female	39.3	50.00
Urban	73.1	80.00
Rural	44.7	56.00

(c) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75% literacy by 2005. In order to make adult education a greater success, the Government has taken some new initiative recently and those include integration of the phases of Total Literacy and Post Literacy, delegation of powers of State Literacy Mission Authorities, enlarging the scope of Continuing Education, strengthening of Jan Shikshan Sansthan Centres for preparation of better teaching learning materials and improved quality of training.