

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

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MAHILA SAMAKHYA PROGRAMME WCD  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Mahila Samakhya Programme for women's empowerment through education is being implemented in the country particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount released or proposed to be released to Karnataka during 2003-04 for the above programme;
- (d) whether female literacy rate has increased on account of implementation of the above programme in the country particularly in Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( DR. SANJAY PASWAN )

- (a) The Mahila Samakhya Programme is being implemented in 9 States in the country including Karnataka.
- (b): Mahila Samakhya is a programme for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas particularly those from socially and economically marginalized groups.
- (c): Mahila Samakhya budget for Karnataka in the current year 2003-04 is Rs.390.00 lakhs of which Rs.100.00 lakhs has been released so far.
- (d & e): Various studies have shown that the Mahila Samakhya programme has had a positive impact on women's education as well as on enrolment and retention of children at school, especially girls in areas in which the programme is functioning. A demand for literacy of women has also been generated and women are actively ensuring educational opportunities for their children, especially girls.