

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL LITERACY RATE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes in the country. State-wise;
- (b) the literacy rate in Maharashtra especially of Malegaon region which is totally a tribal area; and
- (c) the special schemes/programmes being undertaken by the Government to bring the literacy rate of this tribe at par with National level and the time by which this rate is expected to be brought at par with national level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

- (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) As per the 1991 census, the Literacy rate in Malegaon was 54.99%.
- (c) In addition to the Schemes implemented by the Department of Education, Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes viz.,
 - (i) Girls Hostels for STs,
 - (ii) Boys Hostel for STs,
 - (iii) Establishment of Ashram Schools in the TSP Area,
 - (iv) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students,
 - (v) Book Bank Scheme,
 - (vi) Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for the development of women's literacy, are being implemented exclusively for STs, which focus on the educational development of tribals.