

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1066
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
LOW LITERACY LEVELS DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Literacy Mission Programme launched by Central Government has been reviewed;
- (b) if so, the number of districts covered under this scheme so far;
- (c) the names and number of districts found under low literacy level during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether programmes under this scheme are being launched by all the States;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether extent of fall in the number of illiterate persons have been assessed; and (g) if so, the existing number thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) Government of India constituted an expert group for Status-cum-Impact of Total Literacy Campaigns launched in different part of the country since 1990-91 under the chairmanship of Shri Arun Ghosh. The expert group submitted its report in September, 1994.

Since then, the progress made under various schemes of the National Literacy Mission (NLM) are monitored and evaluated.

(b) So far, 597 districts in the country have been covered under the schemes of Literacy Campaigns and Continuing Education Programme. The present scheme-wise coverage of districts is as under :-

Name of the programme Districts covered

Total Literacy Campaign 137
Post Literacy Programme 165
Continuing Education Programme 295

(c) to (e) Based on the 2001 Census Report, the National Literacy Mission Authority in its General Council meeting held on 11.4.2005 has decided to focus, in a phased manner, on 150 lowest literacy districts in the country. A statement showing State-wise names and number of identified low literacy districts is at Annexure-A.

In the first phase, special literacy project proposals for low literacy districts have been approved for the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(f) & (g) The extent of fall in the number of targeted illiterate is assessed after completion of the programme and is based on external evaluation reports.

ANNEXURE-A

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1066 ASKED BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2005 REGARDING LOW LITERACY LEVELS DISTRICTS.

| S. No. | State / district | Number of low literacy districts | Names of districts |
|--------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 7 | East Kameng, Tirap, Lower Subansiri, Tawang, Upper Siang, Upper Subansiri, Changlang |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 8 | Mahbubnagar, Vizianagaram, Medak, Nizamabad, Adilabad, |

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|----|--------------------|---|
| | | Kurnool, Karimnagar, Srikakulam |
| 3 | Assam | 3 Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Darrang |
| 4 | Bihar | 31 Araria, Katihar, Purnia, Sheohar, Madhepura, Supaul, Purba Champaran, Sitamarhi, Pashchim Champaran, Saharsa, Khagaria, Madhubani, Jamui, Banka, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Nawada, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur, Lakhisarai, Begusarai, Sheikhpura, Bhagalpur, Gaya, Vaishali, Siwan, Saran, Nalanda, Kaimur (Bhabua), Jehanabad, Kishangani |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 4 Dantewada, Bastar, Surguja, Kawardha |
| 6 | Gujarat | 2 Dohad, Banas Kantha |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 8 Badgam, Kupwara, Baramula, Anantanag, Doda, Pulwama, Punch, Udhampur |
| 8 | Jharkhand | 13 Pakur, Sahibagni, Garhwa, Godda, Chatra, Giridih, Palamau, Dumka, Deoghar, Pashchimi Singhbhum, Gumla, Koderma, Lohardaga |
| 9 | Karnataka | 4 Raichur, Gulbarga, Chamarajanagar, Koppal |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 9 Jhabua, Barwani, Sheopur, Sidhi, Dhar, Chhatarpur, Raigarh, Dindori, Tikamgarh |
| 11 | Meghalaya | 3 West Garo Hills, Jaintia Hills, South Garo Hills |
| 12 | Nagaland | 2 Mon, Tuensang |
| 13 | Orissa | 10 Malkangiri, Nabarangapur, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj, Kandhamal, Balangir |
| 14 | Punjab | 1 Mansa |
| 15 | Rajasthan | 11 Banswara, Jalore, Dungarpur, Bhilwara, Jaisalmer, Tonk, Sirohi, Chittorgarh, Pali, Bundi, Rajsamand |
| 16 | Uttar Pradesh | 30 Shravasti, Balrampur, Bahraich, Budaun, Rampur, Siddharthnagar, Gonda, Moradabad, Maharajganj, Kaushambi, Kushinagar, Barabanki, Bareilly, Sitapur, Kheri, Shahjahanpur, Sonbhadra, Lalitpur, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Pilibhit, Sant Kabir Nagar, Hardoi, Basti, Mahoba, Rae Bareilly, Banda, Etah, Unnao, Mirzapur, Sultanpur |
| 17 | West Bengal | 4 Uttar Dinajpur, Maldah, Murshidabad, Puruliya |
| | Total | 150 |