

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

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SETTING UP OF STUDY CENTRES UNDER TOTAL LITERACY PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of study centres set up under the total Literacy Programme in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount of expenditure incurred under the programme so far, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds proposed by the Government for the said programme for current financial year;
- (d) whether a study has been made about the impact of these centres on Literacy; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Total Literacy Programme is volunteer based and literacy is imparted by the Volunteer Teachers to non-literates. Volunteer teachers impart literacy to learners at convenient locations. The programme is implemented in a campaign mode and does not envisage setting up of permanent study centres.

(b) & (c): A Statement indicating the grants released for the programme during the last three years as well as the current financial year (as on 30.11.2004) is enclosed as Annexure. An amount of Rs.26 crore has been allocated for the current financial year.

(d) & (e) : The programme has been evaluated in 346 districts of the country by various research institutes of social sciences and NGOs. Some of the positive characteristics noted by these agencies are as follows:-

The programmes have contributed to an attitudinal change in women and reinforced the position of women in various activities of the society.

Literacy Programmes have created political, economic and social aware-ness, scientific temper and health consciousness.

- The programmes have helped the increase in enrolment, especially that of girls in schools.

- People have become more knowledgeable about important issues like small family norms, secularism, women equality, corruption, movement against child marriage, alcoholism, dowry, polygamy, etc.