

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION TO STs
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of various communities of Scheduled Tribes inhabiting in various parts of the country; State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of educated STs in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness of education amongst the uneducated Scheduled Tribes population in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (P.R.KYNDIAH)

- (a) The State/UT-wise list of Scheduled Tribes has been indicated in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2005-06.
- (b) As per 2001 census literacy rate amongst ST is 47.1%.
- (c) The Tribal Welfare departments of the States, the NGO's and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), which is the nodal Ministry for education, are engaged in creating a process of awareness of education amongst the uneducated ST population in the country. In addition, Ministry of HRD has undertaken a total literacy campaign characterized by large-scale mobilization of all categories of population including STs through a multi-faceted communication strategy. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing various schemes for promoting education amongst STs including schemes to give funds for construction of Residential Schools, Ashram Schools, Boys/Girls Hostels, running of Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Female Literacy in Tribal Areas, granting of scholarships for post matric, and further studies, etc.