

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:91

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ACTION PLAN FOR LITERACY

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a national goal for achieving higher rate of literacy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether emphasis is being laid to enhance adult female literacy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for achieving the national goals in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.91 FOR 03-03-2010 ASKED BY SHRI GORAKH PRASAD JAISWAL AND SHRI IJYARAJ SINGH REGARDING ACTION PLAN FOR LITERACY

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Government of India have fixed a national goal of attaining 80% literacy rate by the end of 11th Five Year Plan. To raise the adult female literacy rate, Government have also fixed a target of reducing the gender gap to 10%. To achieve these goals, two flagship programmes of the Government, namely, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Saakshar Bharat will work in tandem to raise the literacy rates in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and beyond respectively.

To enhance the adult female literacy rates, the Government, on 08-09-2009, have launched the new variant of National Literacy Mission, namely Saakshar Bharat, with special focus on female literacy. The new Mission will aim to impart literacy to 60 million non-literate adult women and 10 million adult males. Such districts that have female literacy rate of 50% or below will be covered under the Scheme. In the year 2009-10, the Mission has been rolled out in 167 districts in 19 States.

The accent of Saakshar Bharat is on Access, Equity, Quality and Good Governance. To ensure access, at least one Adult Education Centre, with two coordinators, will be set up in each Gram Panchayat covered under the scheme. To make it participatory, Gram Panchayats will be the implementing agencies at the grassroots level. To ensure Quality, the Scheme provides for Core Curriculum Framework, high quality teaching learning material, improving quality of literacy educators, assessment and certification, new learning technologies, promotion of literate environment and adequate resource support. A web based accounting system to facilitate 'Just-in-Time' release of funds and also robust monitoring and evaluation system have been devised to infuse transparency, accountability and organizational efficiency in implementation. The programme cost will be shared by Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 75:25 respectively except in the North Eastern Region (NER) where the sharing will be in the ratio of 90:10.