

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to recast the National Literacy Mission (NLM) as a National Mission for Female Literacy to make every woman literate in the country in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the achievements made under the NLM since its inception;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed by the Government under the said programme including special schemes, if any, for rural women and working women; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government under the said programme during the last three years including the current financial year, State- wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.The Government has decided to recast the National Literacy Mission to focus on literacy of women, action has already been initiated to recast the Mission.

Since the launch of National Literacy Mission in 1988, 597 districts have been covered under various literacy programmes and 127.45 million persons have been made literate during this period, out of which about 60% are women. The male- female literacy gap, which was 24.84% in 1991 was reduced to 21.59% by 2001.

(c) The Government have set the target of achieving 80% literacy by 2012.

(d) A Statement of expenditure is appended.