

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ADULT LITERACY CAMPAIGN

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

(a) the percentage of adult literacy in the country,State-wise;

(b) the pattern of staff engaged in the programme for adult education;

(c) the total funds allocated by the Government for adult literacy campaign during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to improve adult literacy in the country and for that purpose encourage adults to join the literacy campaign?

Answer

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

(a): A statement indicating the State-wise adult literacy rates (15 and above age group) in the country,as per Census 2001, is given in Annexure-I.

(b): The pattern of staff is different in different States.The Department of Education, through its staff, manages the programme in all State Governments.At District,Block and Gram Panchayat level, the Panchayati Raj Institutions will manage the programme through their own staff supported by volunteers.

(c): A statement indicating the details of funds released to various States/UTs during the last 3 years and current financial year is given in Annexure-II.

(d): The Government has recently launched a new variant of National Literacy Mission,as Saakshar Bharat,with specific objective of improving adult literacy.The programme encompasses functional literacy,skill development,equivalency programme and life long learning opportunities through continuing education.To encourage adults to join the literacy campaign, the entire cost of the teaching learning material and literacy teaching will be met by the Government.The programme also provides for environment building and mass mobilization to motivate the non-literates to join the literacy campaign.