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Title: Need to provide additional grants to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to meet the goal of 'Education For All' by 2006. – Laid.

DR. JAGANNATH MANDA (NAGAR KURNOOL) : I inform this august House that the State of Andhra Pradesh has achieved the literacy rate of 61.11 per cent. During the last decade, the percentage of literacy has increased by 14 per cent. The 21st century will need a redefinition of national priorities, as literacy and human resources of high quality alone can ensure sustainable growth and development. To make the plan work, allocations have been stepped up by 10 per cent; 1.6 lakh teachers have been trained; distance education through TV and other electronic media including internet is being taken up and incentives are being given to girl students. Further 19 lakh children have been enrolled in schools while 60 lakh adults have been made functionally literate. The Andhra Pradesh Government is taking all steps to educate everyone in the State by 2006, ahead of the national target of 2010. While the State Government is spending Rs.4000 crore annually, it needs Rs.5000 crore additionally to meet the goal of Education for all by 2006.

I humbly urge upon the Prime Minister to share the financial burden of the State by extending additional grants to make this dream come true in the field of education.