GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

**RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2773

TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

**Rate of literacy and empowering women**

2773. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) rate of literacy in rural areas especially amongst women; and

(b) measures taken by Government to ensure and increase the rate of literacy amongst women in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) A statement indicating State/UT and gender-wise literacy rate in rural areas of the country, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011 is **annexed.**

(b) In order to improve the female literacy rate in rural areas of the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. Under the scheme, a total of 7.64 crore learners, including 5.38 crore women, were certified as literates .

In addition, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

Under Samagra Shiksha, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV) are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL) to ensure access and quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups by setting up residential schools and to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education.

Various interventions have also been targeted for girls under Samagra Shiksha including opening of schools in the neighbourhood as defined by the State, provision of free text-books to girls up to Class VIII, uniforms to all girls up to class VIII, provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools, teachers’ sensitization programmes to promote girls’ participation, provision for Self-Defence training for the girls from classes VI to XII and stipend to Children With Special Needs (CWSN) girls from class I to Class XII.

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**Annexure**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2773 FOR 12.12.2019 ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY SINGH REGARDING “RATE OF LITERACY AND EMPOWERING WOMEN”.**

**State/UT and gender-wise literacy rate in rural areas of the country, in the age group of 7 and above, as per Census 2011**

| **Sl.**  **No** | **India/State/UTs** | **Literacy Rate for all Groups** | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Person** | **Male** | **Female** |
|  | **India** | **67.77** | **77.15** | **57.93** |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh(undivided) | 60.45 | 69.38 | 51.54 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 59.94 | 67.44 | 52.04 |
| 3. | Assam | 69.34 | 75.40 | 63.03 |
| 4. | Bihar | 59.78 | 69.67 | 49.00 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 65.99 | 76.98 | 55.06 |
| 6. | Goa | 86.65 | 91.71 | 81.63 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 71.71 | 81.61 | 61.36 |
| 8. | Haryana | 71.42 | 81.55 | 60.02 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 81.85 | 89.05 | 74.62 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 63.18 | 73.76 | 51.64 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 61.11 | 72.86 | 48.91 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 68.73 | 77.61 | 59.71 |
| 13. | Kerala | 92.98 | 95.35 | 90.81 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 63.94 | 74.74 | 52.43 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 77.01 | 85.15 | 68.54 |
| 16. | Manipur | 73.40 | 80.29 | 66.34 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 69.92 | 71.46 | 68.37 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 84.10 | 88.16 | 79.81 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 75.35 | 78.96 | 71.51 |
| 20. | Odisha | 70.22 | 79.65 | 60.74 |
| 21. | Punjab | 71.42 | 76.62 | 65.74 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 61.44 | 76.16 | 45.80 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 78.95 | 84.62 | 72.45 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 73.54 | 82.04 | 65.05 |
| 25. | Tripura | 84.90 | 90.07 | 79.49 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 65.46 | 76.33 | 53.65 |
| 27. | Uttarakhand | 76.31 | 86.62 | 66.18 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 72.13 | 78.44 | 65.51 |
| 29. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 84.50 | 88.53 | 79.85 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 80.75 | 85.77 | 73.17 |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 64.12 | 76.40 | 49.58 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 81.36 | 89.43 | 71.93 |
| 33. | NCT of Delhi | 81.86 | 89.37 | 73.10 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 91.58 | 94.53 | 88.50 |
| 35. | Puducherry | 80.10 | 87.44 | 73.02 |

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