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UNION TERRITORIES			
1. Andaman & Nicobar	73.02	0.00	56.62
2. Chandigarh	77.81	55.44	0.00
3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	40.71	77.64	28.25
4. Daman & Diu	71.20	79.18	52.91
5. Delhi	75.29	57.60	0.00
6. Lakshadweep	81.78	0.00	80.58
7. Pondicherry	74.74	56.26	0.00

<sup>†</sup>Excludes figures of Jammu & Kashmir where 1991 census was not taken.

### Literacy Rate

†469. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD.  
SHRI BALWANT SINGH  
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of literate persons in the country was 52 per cent of the total population, as per the 1991 census;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the survey conducted recently, it went to 64 per cent upto the end of 1998;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that this figure of 64 per cent literacy is not in conformity with the figures of enrolment of children in primary schools of the country from 1991 to 1998; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL):  
(a) As per the 1991 Census, the literacy rate in the country was 52.21%.

(b) The National Sample Survey Organisation, which has released the findings of the 53rd round of its survey, has projected a literacy rate of 64% in the country by the end of 1998.

(c) and (d) Recent surveys indicate improvement in enrolment of children in the primary schools of the country from 1991 to 1998.

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.