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Percentage of illiteracy among the Tribals

†592. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that percentage of illiteracy among some tribes is more than 75. per cent;
- (b) if so, the details of such tribes with their names and habitats; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to make these tribes literate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Tribe-wise illiteracy figures are not available in the Department of Education and Department of Tribes Affairs. State-wise information regarding districts, which are having 75 per cent and above illiteracy among the Scheduled Tribes as per 1991 census, are enclosed as statement (*See below*)

(c) The main strategy of the Government to increase literacy rate among the tribes is the implementation of Total Literacy Campaign in tribal habitats. The Central assistance of the literacy campaign in the tribal areas is 4/5th against the 2/3rd for other areas. Other steps like establishment of Hostels, Ashram-Schools, Educational Complexes, Book Banks and Coaching Classes, provision of scholarship and freeships, reservation of seats in various Educational institutions are being taken in order to improve the literacy rate among the tribals.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement*Andhra Pradesh*

Srikakulam
 Vizianagaram
 Visakhapatnam
 East Godavari
 West Godavari
 Krishna
 Guntur
 Prakasham
 Nellore
 Chittoor
 Cuddapah
 Kurnool
 Mahabubnagar
 Rangareddy
 Medak
 Nizamabad
 Adilabad
 Karimnagar
 Warrangal
 Khammam
 Nalgonda

Arunachal Pradesh

Tawang East
 Kemeng Tirap

Bihar

Rohtas
 Nawada
 Paschim
 Champaran
 Saharsa
 Madhepura
 Purnia
 Katihar
 Munger ____

Bhagalpur
 Godda
 Sahibganj
 Dumka
 Deoghar
 Dhanbad
 Giridih
 Hazaribagh
 Palamu
 Araria
 Kishanganj
Gujarat
 Kutch
 Banasakanta
Karnataka
 Gulbarga Raichur
Madhya Pradesh
 Morena
 Gwalior
 Datia
 Shivpuri
 Guna
 Tikamgarh
 Chhatarpur
 Panna
 Sagar
 Damoh
 Satna
 Rewa
 Shahdol
 Sidhi
 Mandsaur
 Ratlam

Shajapur	Dungarpur
Devas	Banswara
Jhabua	Bundi
Dhar	Jhalawar
West Nimar	Jodhpur
East Nimar	
Rajgarh	
Vidisha	<i>Tamil Nadu</i>
Sehore	Chengalpattu
Raisen	
1\QJJVU	North Arcot Ambedkar
Hoshangabad	Dharamapuri
Chindwara	Thirvannamalai
Sarguja	South Arcot
Bustar	Coimbatore
<i>Maharashtra</i>	<i>Uttar Pradesh</i>
Dhule	
<i>Orissa</i>	Riinor
Keonjhar	Bulandshahr
Mayurbhanj	Pilibhit
Baleshwar	Shahjahanpur
Cuttack	Kheri
Dhenkanal	Unnao
Kalahandi	Raebareli
Koreput	Kanpur Dehat
Ganjam	Lalitpur
	Hamirpur
<i>Rajasthan</i>	
Tonk	Allahabad
Jaisalmer	Bahraich
Pali	Gonda
Banner	Barabanki
Jalore	Sidharthnagar
Sirohi	Deoria
Bhilwara	Mau
Udaipur	Azamgarh
Chittaurgarh	Mirzapur

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RAJYA SABHA

West Bengal

Murshidabad

Nadia

Jalpaiguri

South 24 Parganas

West Dinajpur

Birbhum

Maldah

Pre-Examination Coaching for OBC Students

593. SHRIMATI JAYA PRADA NAHATA:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government have since launched any scheme of pre-examination coaching for students belonging to O.B.Cs. so as to enable them to compete on equal terms with other candidates in the examination leading to recruitment in Government jobs and admissions in professional courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many centres have since been set up in the State Andhra Pradesh and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Government of India, recognizing the need to improve the educational and socio-economic conditions of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) launched the Scheme of Pre-Examination Coaching for Other Backward Classes. The Objective of the Scheme is to coach/train candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes to enable them to compete on equal terms in various competitive/ entrance examinations covering:

(i) Recruitment to various services under Central and State Government, Public and Private Sector Undertakings Bank, GIC, LIC, etc. and Defence Forces, State and Central Police Forces and Para-Military Forces,...

(ii) Admission to technical, vocational, engineering, medical, agricultural Management courses, etc.

(c) No Pre-Examination Coaching Centre for OBCs has been set up in Andhra Pradesh.