

**University status to Indian Institute of Information Technology,
Hyderabad**

1056. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government to accord the status of University to the Indian Institute of Information Technology at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the action taken to comply with the request; and

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalised;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATEL):

(a) to (c) A request from Government of Andhra Pradesh to accord me status of deemed to be University to the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIT), Hyderabad was received. Director, IIT, Hyderabad has been advised to submit the proposal in the prescribed format.

Rise in Female Literacy

1057. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the rate of female literacy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target set for hundred per cent literacy in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Female literacy has increased from 8.86% in 1951 to 39.29% as per 1991 census. Female literacy during the period 1981—91 increased by 9.44% while between the period 1991 and 1997, it increased by 11%, according to the data released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in its 53rd round. A statement giving me literacy differential as between end 1991 census and end 1997—supplied by NSSO mentioning the increase in the rise