

Excavations at Central University, Hyderabad

3126. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excavations in the premises of the Central University of Hyderabad have unearthed a Menhir, a high rock, set up north of the grave by Megalithic people in 1100 BC-3rd Century A.D.;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert the site into an Archaeological Museum; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Literacy campaign in notified districts

† 3127. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether total literacy campaign has been started in notified districts of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise areas covered under this campaign;

(c) the targets set under this scheme for the Ninth Five Year Plan and to what extent these targets are likely to be achieved; and

(d) what steps have been taken for effective implementation of this scheme in the notified districts?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise areas covered under Literacy Campaign is given in the statement. (*See below*)

(c) The present target is to attain full literacy *i.e.* sustainable threshold level of 75 percent literacy by 2005. According to National

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Family Health Survey-2, (1998-99) released in November, 2000, literacy rate was 66.9% in 15.39 age group.

(d) Following steps have been taken:

- (i) NLM parameters have been revised and financial norms enhanced.
- (ii) Decentralization and delegation of financial and administrative powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs).
- (iii) The integrated Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programmes approach to achieve continuity, efficiency and convergence.
- (iv) Under Continuing Education Programme neo literates are provided opportunities for skill development, income generating programmes and individual interest programmes. Centres also work for removal of residual illiteracy.
- (v) Jan Shikshan Sansthan to provide vocational and technical skills in both rural and urban areas.

Statement

State-wise number of districts covered

Sl. No	Name of States/UTs	Districts covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7
3.	Assam	23
4.	Bihar	32
5.	Chhattisgarh	16
6.	Delhi	9
7.	Goa	2
8.	Gujarat	25
9.	Haryana	19

SI. No	Name of States/UTs	Districts covered
10.	Himachal Pradesh	12
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	9
12.	Jharkhand	14
13.	Karnataka	27
14.	Kerala	14
15.	Madhya Pradesh	45
16.	Maharashtra	35
17.	Manipur	8
18.	Meghalaya	6
19.	Mizoram	3
20.	Nagaland	7
21.	Orissa	30
22.	Punjab	17
23.	Rajasthan	32
24.	Sikkim	4
25.	Tamil Nadu	30
26.	Tripura	4
27.	Uttaranchal	13
28.	Uttar Pradesh	70
29.	West Bengal	18
30.	A&N Islands	0
31.	Chandigarh	1
32.	D & N Haveli	1
33.	Daman & Diu	1
34.	Lakshadweep	0
35.	Pondicherry	4
	TOTAL:	561