

(iii) appointment of an additional teacher in single teacher schools;

(iv) provision of day care centres (Anganawadis) either near or attached to schools to take care of younger siblings.

In addition central assistance has been provided and will continue during VIII Plan for expansion of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard for diversification and improvement of non-formal education and for programmes relating to teacher training etc. Under Bihar Education Project, seven districts are being covered in 1992-93 and special emphasis would be laid on retention of students in the school system.

#### **Achievement of Higher Literacy percentage**

3372. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the average literacy percentage at the start of Seventh Five Year Plan and achievement upon March, 1992;

(b) allocation made for the purpose for the period and its utilisation by each State;

(c) whether it is a fact that no substantial progress has been achieved except in Kerala; and

(d) steps proposed to be taken to achieve higher average percentage during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operations. The literacy rate according to 1981 and

1991 census for the population aged 7-years and above was 43.56 per cent and 52.11 per cent, respectively.

(b) No specific allocation of funds is made to States/UT Administrations under the Adult Education Programme. Central assistance is released each year on the basis of the proposals received from each State/ UT. A statement showing the amount of grants released to the various States/UTs under the centrally sponsored schemes during the Seventh Five Year Plan for the adult literacy programmes is attached. (See below).

(c) No, Sir. Apart from Kerala, the entire State of Goa, the Union Territory of Pondicherry and nine districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and West Bengal have successfully completed their Total Literacy campaigns. Presently total Literacy Campaigns are being implemented in 156 districts in the country either fully or partially, covering about 50.00 million potential learners in different age groups.

(d) Universalisation of Elementary Education, Non-Formal Education and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult literates in the 15—35 age group by 1995 from an integral part of a larger programme for eradication of illiteracy. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, under the National Literacy Mission, it is expected that about 104 million persons in the 15-35 age-group would be imparted functional literacy in this period. It is hoped that with the combined<sup>1</sup> efforts under the programme of Universalisation Elementary Education and the National Literacy Mission the Literacy rate in the country may go up to 70—75 per cent by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan, a stage which is considered crucial for achieving total literacy in the subsequent 2-3 years,

**Statement**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	1419.73
2	Arunachal Pradesh	140.23
3	Assam	859.59
4	Bihar	2326.09
5	Goa	56.66
6	Gujarat	1166.99
7	Haryana	590.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	234.77
9	Jammu & Kashmir	228.66
10	Karnataka	1414.65
11	Kerala	663.60
12	Madhya Pradesh	2130.18
13	Maharashtra	2097.98
14	Manipur	268.45
15	Meghalaya	202.10
16	Mizoram	55.07
17	Nagaland	190.79
18	Orissa	1146.62
19	Punjab	469.80
20	Rajasthan	1866.43
21	Sikkim	94.36
22	Tamil Nadu	1815.56
23	Tripura	163.81
24	Uttar Pradesh	3034.02
25	West Bengal	1003.14
26	A & N Islands	47.82
27	Chandigarh	29.29
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12.72
29	Daman & Diu	1.52
30	Delhi	42.60
31	Lakshadweep	14.01
32	Pondicherry	77.43