

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted as to how long these reserves will last; and

(d) by when the country is likely to be self-reliant in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statellite surveys covering various fields all over the country have been conducted since the commissioning of various satallite missions by NASA in 1970s. and through the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite since the 1980s. Remote Sattelite surveys are aimed at gathering geological or topographical information in areas where the logistics of operation are difficult. They do not give any direct indication of oil reserves.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is unlikely that the country would achieve self sufficiency in crude oil in the foreseeable future.

Literacy Rate in the Country

94. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of literacy in the country and also in the various States, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to further improve the literacy rate?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operation. According to the census held in 1981, the literacy rate in the

country was 36.23 per cent. A Statement showing, State-wise, the literacy rate according to 1981 census is attached.

(b) Universalisation of elementary education and universal retention in schools of children upto 14 years of age, a programme of non-formal education in the ten educationally backward States and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group by 1995 form an integral part of a larger programme for eradication of illiteracy in the country.

The emphasis under National Literacy Mission is on adopting an area approach in an attempt to eradicate illiteracy in that area in a time bound manner. Accordingly, total literacy campaigns have been/are being launched in the entire States of Kerala and Goa, Union Territory of Pondicherry, 100 talukas in Gujarat and in 31 other districts in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Pradesh and West Bengal.

Statement

Literacy rate in the country

Sl. No.	India/State/ Union Territory	Percentage of Literacy rates, 1981
	INDIA*†	36.23
	States	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29.94
2.	Bihar	26.20
3.	Gujarat	43.70
4.	Haryana	36.14
5.	Himachal Pradesh	42.48
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	26.67
7.	Karnataka	38.46
8.	Kerala	70.42

9. Madhya Pradesh . . .	27.87
10. Maharashtra . . .	47 18
11. Manipur . . .	41.35
12. Meghalaya . . .	34.08
13. Nagaland . . .	42.57
14. Orissa . . .	34.23
15. Punjab . . .	40.86
16. Rajasthan . . .	24.38
17. Sikkim . . .	34.05
18. Tamil Nadu . . .	46.76
19. Tripura . . .	42.12
20. Uttar Pradesh . . .	27.16
21. West Bengal . . .	40.94

Union Territories

1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	51.56
2. Arunachal Pradesh%	20.79
3. Chandigarh . . .	64.79
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli .	26.67
5. Delhi . . .	61.54
6. Goa % Daman & Diu .	56.66
7. Lakshadweep . . .	55.07
8. Mizoram % . . .	59.88
9. Pondicherry . . .	55.85

* Excludes Assam where census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at the time of 1981 Census.

† Excludes the population of area under unlawful occupation of Pakistan and China where census could not be taken.
% Since declared as States.

Plan to set up an Education Finance Corporation

95. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to set up an Education Finance Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions in this connection, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJ MANGAL PANDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The statutory All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been receiving proposals to mobilise resources for the development of Technical Education.

The AICTE has appointed a Task Force which has, *inter-alia* recommended that private resources should be mobilised for establishment of new technical institutions.

Cut on the use of Aviation Fuel

96. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 25 per cent cut has been imposed on the use of aviation fuel in view of the Gulf crisis;

(b) whether the Airforce and BSF planes are being used extensively by Ministers and other violating the cut; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?