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Literacy in the country

*300. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of literate persons in Kerala is 100 per cent in Comparison to other States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to help other States also for upgradation of facilities/to increase the percentage of literate persons on the Kerala model; and

(d) the details of budgetary allocations made during 2007-08 in comparison to 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b)The literacy rate of Kerala, according to 2001 Census, is 90.86%, which is highest in the country. A Statement showing the literacy rates of other States, according to 2001 Census, is enclosed in Statement (See below).

(c) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group. The main Schemes of the NLM include Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) for imparting basic literacy to adult illiterates followed by Post Literacy Programme (PLP) for reinforcement of literacy skills for neo-literates and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) for providing lifelong educational opportunities. The Total Literacy Campaign, based on the campaign approach adopted in Ernakulum district of Kerala, has become the principal strategy of NLM. The various adult literacy schemes have been extended to all States/Union Territories and so far 597 districts in the country have been covered by these programmes. Apart from ongoing literacy programmes, NLM has taken up special female literacy programme in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Jharkhand. 150 districts of the country, which have the lowest literacy rate, have been identified for launching a special literacy drive

(d) A budget provision of Rs 401 crores has been made for 2007-08 for adult education as against the allocation of Rs. 235.50 crore for 2006-07.

*Statement**Literacy rates of States*

SI.No.	state/irr	Literacy Rate		
		Male	Female	Person
1	Andhra Pradesh	70.32	50.43	60.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	63.83	43.53	54.34
3	Assam	71.28	54.61	63.25
4	Bihar	59.68	33.12	47.00
5	Chhattisgarh	77.38	51.85	64.66
6	Goa	88.42	75.37	82.01
7	Gujarat	79.66	57.80	69.14
8	Haryana	78.49	55.73	67.91
9	Himachal Pradesh	85.35	67.42	76.48
10	Jammu & Kashmir	66.60	43.00	55.52
11	Jharkhand	67.30	38.87	53.56
12	Karnataka	76.10	56.87	66.64
13	Kerala	94.24	87.72	90.86
14	Madhya Pradesh	76.06	50.29	63.74
15	Maharashtra	85.97	67.03	76.88
16	Manipur	80.33	60.53	70.53
17	Meghalaya	65.43	59.61	62.56
18	Mizoram	90.72	86.75	88.80
19	Nagaland	71.16	61.46	66.59
20	Orissa	75.35	50.51	63.08
21	Punjab	75.23	63.36	69.65
22	Rajasthan	75.70	43.85	60.41
23	Sikkim	76.04	60.40	68.81
24	Tamil Nadu	82.42	64.43	73.45
25	Tripura	81.02	64.91	73.19
26	Uttaranchal	83.28	59.63	71.62
27	Uttar Pradesh	68.82	42.22	56.27
28	West Bengal	77.02	59.61	68.64
29	A & N Islands	86.33	75.24	81.30
30	Chandigarh	86.14	76.47	81.94
31	D&N Haveli	71.18	40.23	57.63
32	Daman & Diu	86.76	65.61	78.18
33	Delhi	87.33	74.71	81.67
34	Lakshadweep	92.53	80.47	86.66
35	Pondicherry	88.62	73.90	81.24
	ALL INDIA :	75.26	53.67	64.84