

Literacy rate of SCs/STs

2274. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the literacy rate of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is far below the national literacy rate;

(b) if so, the action being taken to improve the literacy rate of these communities, indicating the total amount of funds earmarked for the purpose in the Eighth (1992-1997) and Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002) as compared to the total plan outlays of the Ministry of HRD, both in actual and percentage figures; and

(c) the total funds earmarked for the Education Sector in both the Five Year Plans and out of that, the amount of funds exclusively earmarked for educational empowerment of SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The NSSO Survey (53rd Round) shows that the general literacy rate for India has moved up to 62%. However this survey does not give the disaggregated figures for SCs/STs. The literacy rate of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in the country, as per 1991 Census was 37.41% and 29.60% respectively, as compared to the general literacy rate of 52.21%.

(b) and (c) In the literacy campaigns the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are specially targeted. These campaigns reach out to areas of the country which are most backward, illiterate and poverty stricken. Areas of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe concentration are covered on a priority basis and these groups are invariably accessed to a greater degree.

The Specific steps being taken by the Government to improve literacy among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes include;

Funding of Literacy projects by Central and State Governments in the ratio of 4:1 for Tribal districts as against 2:1 for other areas; opening of primary schools on priority basis; development of instructional material in tribal languages at the initial stages;

establishment of hostels, residential schools, provision of scholarships and freeships; launching of District Primary Education Programme in backward districts with low female literacy rates.

The three pronged strategy for increasing literacy in the country consists of:

- (i) Universalisation of Elementary Education;
- (ii) Non-Formal Education for School Drop-Outs in the age group of 9-14 years; and
- (iii) Literacy Campaigns & Continuing Education Programme of the National Literacy Mission for adult learners.

Three statements mentioning the Outlay of 8th and 9th five year plans for Literacy, Education and the funds released for SCST components are Annexed.

Statement-I

Amount Earmarked for Literacy in 8th and 9th Plan

(Rs. In Crores)
Plan Allocation

8th PLAN: 1992-97	Rs. 970.47
9th PLAN: 1997-2000	Rs. 630.39

Statement-II

Funds Earmarked for Education Department in 8th and 9th PLAN

(Rs. In Crores)
Plan Allocation

Eighth Plan Period 1992-97	Rs. 7443.00
Ninth Plan Period 1997-2002	Rs. 24908.38

Statement-III

Funds Exclusively Earmarked for SC/ST in 8th and 9th Five Year Plans in Department of Education

(Rs. In Crores)

Year	Plan Allocation	Flow to SCP	Flow to TSP
Eight Plan Period 1992—97	7443.00	857.21 (15.63)	512.10 (9.33)
Ninth Plan Period 1997-1998 to 1999-2000	12840.28	1690.04 (16.09)	944.53 (9.00)

Note: Figures given in parenthesis indicates percentage of flow of funds of the divisible outlay to SCP and TSP.

Reservation policy in ministry of HRD

2275. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:

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SHRI R.N. ARYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DOPT has introduced Post Based Rosters in Place of Vacancy Based Rosters for implementing reservation policy for SC/ST w.e.f. 2nd July, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether, while introducing Post Based Rosters, the process of identifying excess/shortages, if any, in all categories of services in all Departments under HRD Ministry, including autonomous/statutory organisations was undertaken as per DOPT OM No. 3601212/196. Estt. (Res.) dated 2nd July, 1997; and

(d) if so, the excess/shortage found in all category of services as on 2nd July, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes sir. 'Vacancy Based Rosters' were replaced by 'Post Based Rosters' with effect