

**Positive growth in illiteracy**

532. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial positive growth in illiterate population aged 7 years and above has been observed in some of the districts in various States showing exception to the over all positive growth trends in literacy in the country as well as in the respective States;

(b) if so, the details of such districts with positive growth of illiterate alongwith the growth rate of literacy of the concerned States;

(c) the reasons for such exceptions in respective districts; and

(d) the details of the steps, if any, being taken to reverse the trend in those districts?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) According to 2001 Census, the literacy rate of the country was 64.84% which shows an increase of 12.63% since 1991. All States/Union Territories have shown an increase in the literacy rates during 1991-2001, the details of which are enclosed in Statement-I (See below). The absolute number of non-literates has decreased for the first time by 24.06 million. Despite the growth in the literacy rates in all States and Union Territories, 132 out of 593 districts have shown an increase in the number of illiterates as per Census 2001, the details of which are enclosed in Statement-II (See below).

(c) The reasons for increase in the number of illiterates in these districts include growth in population, poverty, migration, socio-economic factors and lack of awareness about relevance of education.

(d) The Universalisation of Elementary Education and eradication of adult illiteracy form the two-pronged strategy for improving the literacy rate of the country. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a comprehensive programme for universalizing quality Elementary Education by 2010.

The National Literacy Mission (NLM) is also entrusted with the task of eradication of adult illiteracy in the country. The target of NLM is to achieve a sustainable 75% literacy rate by 2007. The thrust areas of NLM are improving female literacy in low female literacy areas, organizing projects for residual illiteracy in districts which have substantial number of illiterates, setting up of continuing education centres for providing opportunities for life-long learning to the neo-literates and imparting vocational training to neo-literates through Jan Shikshan Sansthan. Special programmes for Residual illiteracy have been taken up in the low female literacy districts

of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. In addition, a special literacy drive for eradication of residual illiteracy is also being launched in the 150 districts, which have the lowest literacy rates.

**Statement-I**

*Uteracy rates and decadal difference in literacy rates: 1991 -2001*

SI. No. State/UT	Literacy	Literacy	Decadal Difference
	Rate-1991	Rate-2001	
	Total	Total	Total
1. Andhra Pradesh	44.08	60.47	16.39
2. Arunachal Pradesh	41.59	54.34	12.75
3. Assam	52.89	63.25'	10.36
4. Bihar	37.49	47.00	9.51
5. Chhattisgarh	42.91	64.66	21.75
6. Goa	75.51	82.01	6.50
7. Gujarat	61.29	69.14	7.85
8. Haryana	55.85	67.91	12.06
9. Himachal Pradesh	63.86	76.48	12.62
10. Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	55.52	—
11. Jharkhand	41.39	53.56	12.17
12. Karnataka	56.04	66.64	10.60
13. Kerala	89.81	90.86	1.05
14. Madhya Pradesh	44.67	63.74	19.07
15. Maharashtra	64.87	76.88	12.01
16. Manipur	59.89	70.53	10.64
17. Meghalaya	49.10	62.56	13.46
18. Mizoram	82.27	88.80	6.53
19. Nagaland	61.65	66.59	4.94
20. Orissa	49.09	63.08	13.99
21. Punjab	58.51	69.65	11.14
22. Rajasthan	38.55	60.41	21.86
23. Sikkim	56.94	68.81	11.87
24. Tamil Nadu	62.66	73.45	10.79
25. Tripura	60.44	73.19	12.75
26. Uttaranchal	57.75	71.62	13.87
27. Uttar Pradesh	40.71	56.27	15.56
28. West Bengal	57.36	68.64	11.28

Sl. No. State/UT	Literacy	Literacy	Decadal
	Rate-1991	Rate-2001	Difference
	Total	Total	Total
29. A&N Islands	73.02	81.30	8.28
30. Chandigarh	77.81	81.94	4.13
31. D & N Haveli	40.71	57.63	16.92
32. Daman & Diu	71.20	78.18	6.98
33. Delhi	75.29	81.67	6.38
34. Lakshadweep	81.78	86.88	4.88
35. Pondicherry	74.74	81.24	6.50
ALL INDIA:	52.21	64.84	12.63

\*Source: Census of India-2001—Final Figures

**Statement-II**

*No. of illiterates and decadal increase in illiterates States/District-wise:  
1991, 2001*

Sl.No.State/Union	Illiterate population 7+		Decadal Increase
	Territory	VDistrict	
	1991	2001	
1 2	3	4	5
1 Arunachal Pradesh			
1. Tawang	16,090	17,072	982
2. West Kameng	23,863	24,343	480
3. Papum Pare	25,536	30,970	5,434
4. Dibang Valley	17,999	19,442	1,443
5. Lohit	43,555	50,486	6,931
6. Changlang	42,121	48,645	6,524
7. Tirap	45,616	46,638	1,022
TOTAL	214,780	237,596	22,816
2 Assam			
8. Dhubri	626,090	671,793	45,703
9. Goalpara	274,836	278,232	3,396
10. Marigaon	259,770	260,206	436
11. Nagaon	679,526	722,732	43,206
12. Hailakandi	168,069	178,349	10,280
TOTAL	2,008,291	2,111,312	103,021

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1	2	3	4	5
3	Bihar			
13.	Paschim Champaran	1,334,170	1,462,761	128,591
14.	Purba Champaran	1,743,204	1,937,461	194,257
15.	Sheohar	223,684	265,075	41,391
16.	Sitamarhi	1,149,171	1,308,427	159,256
17.	Madhubani	1,514,022	1,653,506	139,484
18.	Supaul	762,246	856,251	94,005
19.	Araria	930,245	1,094,748	164,503
20.	Kishanganj	602,853	694,923	92,070
21.	Purnia	1,053,932	1,294,182	240,250
22.	Katihar	1,014,838	1,212,070	197,232
23.	Madhepura	673,248	764,757	91,509
24.	Saharsa	631,627	725,675	94,048
25.	Darbhanga	1,299,192	1,466,012	166,820
26.	Muzaffarpur	1,507,257	1,564,054	56,797
27.	Gopalganj	875,019	902,797	27,778
28.	Siwan	1,035,508	1,046,711	11,203
29.	Saran	1,176,894	1,253,818	76,924
30.	Vaishali	1,005,327	1,077,035	71,708
31.	Samastipur	1,365,253	1,472,473	107,220
32.	Begusarai	908,356	971,804	63,448
33.	Khagaria	526,959	587,489	60,530
34.	Bhagalpur	879,343	985,363	106,020
35.	Banka	671,623	733,544	61,921
36.	Munger	362,438	377,730	15,292
37.	Lakhisarai	312,681	329,369	16,688
38.	Sheikhpura	197,898	213,685	15,787
39.	Nalanda	848,024	893,815	45,791
40.	Patna	1,277,063	1,446,097	169,034
41.	Bhojpur	737,272	746,892	9,620
42.	Buxar	471,347	488,380	17,033
43.	Jehanabad	512,198	545,855	33,657
44.	Aurangabad	671,267	693,687	22,420
45.	Gaya	1,254,822	1,380,606	125,784
46.	Nawada	659,385	771,151	111,766
47.	Jamui	551,588	646,156	94,568
	TOTAL	30,739,954	33,864,359	3,124,405

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<b>4 Gujarat</b>				
'48.	Kachchh	489,833	534,294	44,461
49.	BanasKantha	958,975	998,231	39,256
50.	Gandhinagar	237,591	268,925	31,334
51.	Ahmadabad	1,020,978	1,034,713	13,735
52.	Surendranagar	452,054	486,699	34,675
53.	Rajkot	700,558	708,751	8,193
54.	Jamnagar	540,993	546,314	5,321
55.	Dohad	645,703	714,411	68,708
56.	Surat	1,013,896	1,089,098	75,202
57.	The Dangs	58,997	60,596	1,599
58.	Valsad	362,033	371,700	9,667
	TOTAL:	6,481,581	6,813,732	332,151
<b>5 Haryana</b>				
59.	Panctikula	87,857	104,619	16,762
60.	Panipat	239,354	249,379	10,025
61.	Gurgaon	423,317	492,179	68,862
62.	Faridabad	473,663	543,448	69,785
	TOTAL:	1,224,191	1,389,625	165,434
<b>6 Jharkhand</b>				
63.	Garhwa	452,029	491,503	39,474
64.	Palamu	848,371	918,936	70,565
65.	Chatra	341,282	354,811	13,529
66.	Giridih	787,126	832,234	45,108
67.	Deoghar	453,984	467,86	14,002
68.	Godda	454,381	479,743	25,362
69.	Sahibganj	412,595	457,601	45,006
70.	Pakaur	336,392	386,786	50,394
71.	Lohardaga	134,864	135,789	925
	TOTAL:	4,221,024	4,525,389	304,365
<b>7 Karnataka</b>				
72.	Bagalkot	524,490	592,235	67,745
73.	Bijapur	539,630	653,526	113,896
74.	Gulbarga	1,262,193	1,297,023	34,830
75.	Raichur	706,651	709,895	3,244
76.	Bellary	722,610	727,571	4,961
	TOTAL:	3,755,574	3,980,250	224,676

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1	2	3	4	5
8	Kerala			
77.	Kasaragod	158,515	161,216	2,701
78.	Wayanad	99,091	99,826	735
79.	Malappuram	305,432	319,437	14,005
80.	Kottayam	69,550	72,758	3,208
81.	Alappuzha	109,026	123,774	14,748
82.	Pathanamthitta	53,983	57,116	3,133
83.	Kollam	201,472	202,165	693
84.	Thiruvananthapuram	277,069	307,347	30,278
	TOTAL:	1,274,138	1,343,639	69,501
9	Madhya Pradesh			
85.	Indore	512,311	520,845	8,534
86.	Barwani	462,623	493,316	30,693
	TOTAL:	974,934	1,014,161	39,227
10	Maharashtra			
87.	Nandurbar	425,360	478,275	52,915
88.	Thane	1,329,146	1,351,154	22,008
	TOTAL:	1,754,506	1,829,429	74,923
11	Manipur			
89.	Tamengbng	35,812	39,081	3,269
90.	Chandel	31,653	44,732	13,079
	TOTAL:	67,465	83,813	16,348
12	Meghalaya			
91.	West Garo Hills	192,252	205,865	13,613
92.	East Garo Hills	74,581	78,526	3,945
93.	South Garo Hills	34,034	35,850	1,816
94.	Jaintia Hills	107,799	111,517	3,718
	TOTAL:	408,666	431,758	23,092
13	Mizoram			
95.	Champhai	7,859	7,923	64
96.	Saiha	7,436	8,882	1,446
	TOTAL:	15,295	16,805	1,510
14	Nagaland			
97.	Mon	79,131	128,932	49,801
98.	Tuensang	99,878	175,651	75,773
99.	Mokokchung	30,521	33,528	3,007

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100.	Zunheboto	28,061	39,529	11,468
101.	Wokha	17,567	27,094	9,527
102.	Dimapur	45,154	60,745	15,591
103.	Kohima	52,705	67,010	14,305
104.	Phek	31,306	35,546	4,240
	TOTAL:	384,323	568,035	183,712
15	Orissa			
105.	Rayagada	434,749	437,787	3,038
106.	Nabarangapur	552,226	554,180	1,954
107.	Malkangiri	271,071	287,887	16,816
	TOTAL:	1,258,046	1,279,854	21,808
16	Rajasthan			
108.	Bikaner	564,103	580,729	16,626
109.	Jaisalmer	192,637	194,261	1,624
	TOTAL:	756,740	774,990	18,250
17	Sikkim			
110.	North	11,499	11,500	1
111.	West	51,546	54,109	2,563
	TOTAL:	63,045	65,609	2,564
18	Uttar Pradesh			
112.	Moradabad	1,603,739	1,678,052	74,313
113.	Rampur	875,559	934,165	58,606
114.	Ghaziabad	810,127	824,404	14,277
115.	Budaun	1,457,577	1,498,027	40,450
116.	Bareilly	1,508,450	1,512,248	3,798
117.	Bahraich	1,110,487	1,228,128	117,641
118.	Shravasti	563,417	622,916	59,499
119.	Balrampur	832,940	878,331	45,391
120.	Gonda	1,242,845	1,279,678	36,833
121.	Kushinagar	1,194,546	1,223,952	29,406
122.	Sonbhadra	552,197	589,367	37,170
	TOTAL:	11,751,884	12,269,268	517,384

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19	West Bengal			
123.	Uttar Dinajpur	986,740	1,005,051	18,311
	Total:	986,740	1,005,051	18,311
20	Chandigarh*			
124.	Chandigarh	121,185	141,777	20,592
	Total:	121,185	141,777	20,592
21	Dadra & Nagar Haveli'			
125.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	65,306	76,387	11,081
22	Daman & Diu*			
126.	Diu	13,117	19,532	6,415
	Total:	13,117	19,532	6,415
23	Delhi*			
127.	Northwest	403,487	472,162	68,675
128.	North East	277,696	330,709	53,013
129.	West	253,357	305,502	52,145
130.	South West	195,982	246,552	50,570
131.	South	304,251	348,542	44,291
	Total:	1,434,773	1,703,467	268,694
24	Pondicherry*			
132.	Yanam	3,925	7,093	3,168
	Total:	3,925	7,093	3,168

Union Territory

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PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether the money collected from 2 per cent education cess imposed in this year's Union Budget would actually go towards financing primary education;