

provides for inclusion of children with disabilities in the definition of 'child belonging to disadvantaged group' in clause (d) of section 2 of the RTE Act.

Setting up of World Class University in Jaipur

1933. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has made any announcement to set up a World Class University in Jaipur; and

(b) if so, whether any budgetary allocation has been made for such project and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Eleventh Plan, as approved by the National Development Council, provides for 14 'Innovation Universities' aiming to achieve World Class standards across Eleventh and Twelfth Plans. Locations for the proposed universities have been identified and one such possible location is Jaipur. The plan provision for these universities during Eleventh Plan is kept at Rs. 1750 crores.

Literacy rate of women

1934. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the prevailing literacy rate of women in the country alongwith State-wise figures;

(b) the steps being taken to improve the literacy of women across the country;

(c) whether fast track schemes involving private agencies and NGOs are being considered to boost the level of literacy; and

(d) if so, the details of such schemes being carried out and the benefit to the women folk across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The literacy data in the country is collected through decennial Census operation conducted by Registrar General of India. The last Census was held in 2001. According to the Census 2001, the women literacy rate (age group 15 years and above) in the country was 47.82%. State-wise details of women literacy rate, as per Census 2001, is given in Statement (*See* below). The updated position of women literacy in the country will be available only after the Census of 2011.

(b) To give impetus to female literacy, a new variant of National Literacy Mission was launched on 8th September, 2009, with the objective of providing opportunities in

continuing education, basic education (equivalency), skill development and functional literacy to adults, especially women, in the age group of 15 years and above. One of the specific goals of the programme is to reduce gender gap in literacy to 10% as against 21% as indicated in the Census of 2001. As women constitute a majority of the targeted beneficiaries, the programme has been given gender treatment. Districts having low adult female literacy rate of 50% or below, as per Census of 2001, alone are eligible for coverage under this programme.

- (c) No, Madam.
 (d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of women literacy rate

(as per Census 2001)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Percentage of women literacy rate (age group 15 years and above)
1	2	3
	INDIA	47.82
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42.48
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	38.35
3.	Assam	50.35
4.	Bihar	28.15
5.	Chhattisgarh	43.57
6.	Goa	72.21
7.	Gujarat	52.20
8.	Haryana	47.45
9.	Himachal Pradesh	60.73
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	36.43
11.	Jharkhand	32.49
12.	Karnataka	49.97
13.	Kerala	86.20
14.	Madhya Pradesh	42.53

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15.	Maharashtra	60.78
16.	Manipur	57.59
17.	Meghalaya	58.62
18.	Mizoram	86.87
19.	Nagaland	58.57
20.	Orissa	45.06
21.	Punjab	57.82
22.	Rajasthan	35.59
23.	Sikkim	54.76
24.	Tamil Nadu	59.27
25.	Tripura	60.24
26.	Uttar Pradesh	34.28
27.	Uttarakhand	51.93
28.	West Bengal	54.74
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	71.34
30.	Chandigarh	73.73
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	33.11
32.	Daman and Diu	59.59
33.	Delhi	70.78
34.	Lakshadweep	77.49
35.	Pondicherry	70.38

Partnership programme for universities with US

1935. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India and the US have agreed for a partnership programme for the universities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) whether any agreement has been signed during the visit of the US President;
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