

Literacy amongst minorities

***219. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy amongst religious minorities as on the 31st December, 2005, community-wise;

(b) the percentage of persons educated upto IVth standard amongst the above communities alongwith the drop-out rate; and

(c) the percentage of persons educated unto Xth standard amongst each of the above communities in comparison to the national figure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) As per data of Census 2001, religion-wise literacy rate, and percentage of persons educated below primary, upto primary and Matric/Secondary levels are given below:

Religion	Literacy Rate (% age)	Percentage of persons educated		
		Below Primary	Upto Primary level	Upto Matric/ Secondary level
All Religions	64.8	16.8	17.0	9.2
Muslims	59.1	18.8	17.1	6.5
Christians	80.3	16.0	18.1	14.0
Sikhs	69.5	13.1	18.1	14.5
Buddhists	72.7	20.0	18.0	10.2

Data on drop-out rates is not collected by the Ministry, on religion-wise basis.

Smart Schools for quality education

***220. SHRI SANJAY RAUT :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up Smart Schools all over the country, in order to provide quality education, by making use of computers and other technological devices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Smart Schools set up in the country so far, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for setting up more Smart Schools in the country, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the "Smart School" component of the Scheme "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools", one Kendriya Vidyalaya and one Navodaya Vidyalaya in each State/UT would be allocated, subject to availability of funds, non-recurring grant of upto Rs. 25.00 lakh for procuring 40 computers and peripherals, and recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.50 lakh p.a. for maintenance, consumables, Internet usage and monitoring costs.

Funds have been sanctioned for upgradation of 33 Navodaya Vidyalayas and 31 Kendriya Vidyalayas into Smart Schools, of which one Kendriya Vidyalaya and one Navodaya Vidyalaya are located in Maharashtra.

(c) Setting up more Smart Schools depends upon receipt of feasible proposals from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Introduction of Five Year Rural Industry Programme

1329. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Five Year Rural Industry Programme has been introduced by Government recently to check rural migration from certain districts;

(b) if so, the details of this programme; and

(c) the places where the programme started in the first phase and the number of units to be set up in each district under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.