

1	2	3	4
27	Pondicherry	583	0.36
28	Punjab	108,754	2.87
29	Rajasthan	795,089	6.90
30	Sikkim	3,803	2.94
31	Tamilnadu	193,418	2.14
32	Tripura	5,121	1.24
33	Uttar Pradesh	2,995,208	8.15
34	Uttaranchal	116,680	7.47
35	West Bengal	1,213,205	8.67
ALL INDIA:		13,459,734	6.94

India's share in illiterates of the world

†1377. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 872 million adult illiterates in the world;

(b) if not, the details thereof and whether it is a fact that India accounts for 34 per cent of illiterates of the world population; and

(c) if not, Government's estimates thereof and the annual target set to make them literate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Education For All (EFA) Global Monitoring Report 2006, there are 771 million illiterates in 15+ age-group in the world, out of which 34.6% are in India alone.

(c) As per Census 2001, there are 260 million illiterates in the country in 15+ age-group. The National Literacy Mission (NLM) has been launched by the Government to eradicate illiteracy from the country in 15-35 age-group. The goal of the NLM is to attain a sustainable threshold literacy rate of 75% by 2007. No annual targets under NLM have been fixed.

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