

Certificate Examinations (CISCE) stipulates that schools affiliated to it are required to assess students in 'Education in Moral and Spiritual Values' upto Class X.

Closure of institutions of technical and management studies

†872. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several institutions of technical and management studies have been closed in various States during the academic year 2011-12;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the reasons behind the closure of these institutions;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that it has been decided not to allow any such new institutions in the country till 2014-15; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State-wise number of technical institutions who have submitted application for closure of programme is as follows:—

- (i) Chhattisgarh – 04 (ii) Gujarat – 13, (iii) Madhya Pradesh – 05 (iv) West Bengal – 02 (v) Bihar – 01 (vi) Uttar Pradesh – 17 (vii) Uttarakhand – 01 (viii) Haryana – 06 (ix) Punjab – 06 (x) Rajasthan – 18 (xi) Andhra Pradesh – 56 (xii) Tamil Nadu – 02 (xiii) Karnataka – 05 (xiv) Maharashtra – 07.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has not asked for reasons for closures for institutions. However, this may be due to poor admission in the institutions.

- (d) and (e) No, Sir.

Literacy rate

†873. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of a recent report of an international institutions named World Literacy Foundation, stating that Indian economy has to bear the loss of 5,356 crore dollars (about 2.67 lakh crore rupees) each year due to illiteracy;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to increase the literacy rate;
- (c) the details of illiteracy rate in the country, State-wise; and

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(d) the details of the class deprived of elementary education in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken cognizance of such report of World Literacy Foundation, a charitable body, as its neither official nor from any International Body like UNESCO. However, to improve literacy levels of population in the age group of 15 and beyond, the Government has launched Saakshar Bharat Programme in September, 2009 which covers 25 States and one Union Territory. Further, all children in the 6-14 age group have a fundamental right to free and compulsory education under 'The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education' (RTE) Act, 2009, which has become operational from 1st April, 2010. The Government has revised the framework of implementation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to correspond with the provisions of the RTE Act, and the States are making consistent progress towards the goal of universal elementary education.

(c) A State-wise statement indicating illiteracy rate as per provisional report of Census 2011 is given in Statement (*See below*).

(d) The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009-Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme being implemented across the country, provides that every child in the age group of 6-14 years, without distinction of any kind, is provided meaningful and quality elementary education.

Statement

State-wise statement indicating illiteracy rate as per provisional report of Census, 2011

Sl. No.	State	Illiteracy rate (in Percentage)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	32.3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	33.0
3.	Assam	26.8
4.	Bihar	36.2
5.	Chhattisgarh	29.0
6.	Goa	12.6
7.	Gujarat	20.7

1	2	3
8.	Haryana	23.4
9.	Himachal Pradesh	16.2
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	31.3
11.	Jharkhand	32.4
12.	Karnataka	24.4
13.	Kerala	6.1
14.	Madhya Pradesh	29.4
15.	Maharashtra	17.1
16.	Manipur	20.2
17.	Meghalaya	24.5
18.	Mizoram	8.4
19.	Nagaland	19.9
20.	NCT of Delhi	13.7
21.	Odisha	26.5
22.	Punjab	23.3
23.	Rajasthan	32.9
24.	Sikkim	17.8
25.	Tamil Nadu	19.7
26.	Tripura	12.2
27.	Uttar Pradesh	30.3
28.	Uttarakhand	20.4
29.	West Bengal	22.9

Knowledge and skills of teachers

874. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers recruited possess creative resource, communication skills, hard working capacity and aptitude for imparting knowledge;