

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The details of adult illiterates in the 15 plus age group in the country and Maharashtra, both men and women, urban and rural and Scheduled Tribes, as per Census 2011, are as under:

India/State		All Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
		Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
India	Total	25,75,83,612	9,07,64,463	16,68,19,149	3,24,70,744	1,22,02,156	2,02,68,588
	Rural	20,97,32,906	7,39,79,939	13,57,52,967	3,05,59,593	1,15,28,475	1,90,31,118
	Urban	4,78,50,706	1,67,84,524	3,10,66,182	19,11,151	6,73,681	12,37,470
Maharashtra	Total	1,63,03,772	53,54,061	1,09,49,711	28,08,157	10,41,603	17,66,554
	Rural	1,16,57,730	37,24,714	79,33,016	25,73,006	9,59,728	16,13,278
	Urban	46,46,042	16,29,347	30,16,695	2,35,151	81,875	1,53,276

(c) Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Adult Education and Skill Development, is being implemented since 2009 in rural areas of all Districts having adult female literacy rate of 50% and below, including left wing extremism affected districts irrespective of their literacy rate, with a goal to achieve 80 percent literacy and reduce gender gap to 10 percent points by the end of XII Five Year Plan. The programme covers 10 districts of Maharashtra.

#### **Electricity in schools**

3432. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously considering to provide generators, inverters and solar panels on a war-footing to schools, so that the students are not forced to give board examinations in darkness due to load shedding in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The conduct of school board examinations are undertaken by the State Government administration and responsibility for making arrangements for lighting is in their domain.