

the State of Maharashtra. The discipline-wise sanctioned students' intake is as follows:

Discipline	Intake
Civil Engineering	3475
Computer Engineering	9553
Electronics Engineering	4327
Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	7480
Information Technology	6743
Electrical Engineering	2190
Mechanical Engineering	7124
Chemical Engineering	1780
MCA	210
Other courses	5685
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48567</b>

(c) After the 1st January 2003, a two-part crediting system *i.e.* 'Accredited' and 'Not Accredited' has been adopted by the AICTE for accreditation of Programmes in technical institutions. At present, 1476 Programmes in 367 Institutes all over India have been accredited, out of which, 278 Programmes in 63 Institutes are in the State of Maharashtra.

#### **Schemes for Educational Campaign**

†1230. **SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35.2 per cent population of the country is still uneducated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to intensify the educational campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Reasons for low literacy include:—

- \* Gender Based Inequality,
- \* Social Discrimination,
- \* Child Labour,
- \* Poor-Economic Status,
- \* Pre-occupation with household chores, and
- \* Lack of awareness about relevance of Education.

(c) and (d) In the Elementary Education Sector, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been launched with a holistic and convergent approach to implement Universalisation of Elementary Education in a mission mode with the district focus. The goals of SSA are:—

- \* All children in School, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate School, 'Back-to-School' camp by 2003.
- \* All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.
- \* All children complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.
- \* Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
- \* Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010.
- \* Universal retention by 2010.

The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims to provide functional literacy to non-literates in 15-35 age group. The thrust areas of NLM are improving female literacy in low female literacy areas, to organize residual illiteracy projects in areas which have substantial number of illiterates and to set up continuing education centres for providing opportunities for life long learning to the neo-literates.

### **Expenditure on Education**

1231. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in its educational agenda stands committed to the promise of spending 6 per cent of the G.D.P. on education;