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RAJYA SABHA

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

LITERACY AMONG TRIBALS OF RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the adult literacy rate among the tribals of Rajasthan;
- (b) how does it compare with the adult literacy rate of the State; and
- (c) what action is envisaged to ensure that they achieve full literacy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) As per the Census 2011, the adult literacy rate in the age group of 15 and above among the Scheduled Tribes (STs) of Rajasthan is 36.98 per cent compared to the adult literacy rate of 60.27 per cent in Rajasthan.

(c) In order to improve the literacy rate among adults, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education namely Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 404 districts in 26 States and one UT, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 percent and below as per Census 2001, including left wing extremism affected districts, irrespective of their literacy rates, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups, since October 2009. The target was to raise the overall literacy rate of the country to 80 per cent and reduce gender gap to 10 percentage point by end of XII five year plan. The scheme was extended upto 31.03.2019. During the implementation of Saakshar Bharat scheme, against the overall target of making 7 crore adult non-literates (including 8 million STs non-literates), around 7.64 crore learners (including 10.84 million STs), having passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018, were certified as literates.

Further, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Adult Education “Padhna Likhna Abhiyaan” is being implemented in rural and urban areas of 33 states/ UTs during the

financial year 2020-21, with a target of making 48.16 lakh adult non-literates as literates. The scheme has been further extended upto 31.03.2022.

The Union of India has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, “New India Literacy Programme (NILP)” with the aim to support the States and Union Territories in promoting literacy among non-literates across the country covering 5 crore non-literates with priority on age cohort of 15-35 years followed by ages 35 and above, Girls/ women, SC/ ST/ OBC/ Minorities, Persons with Special Needs/ Divyangjans, Marginalised/ Nomadics/ construction workers/ labourers, all Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog, districts with literacy rates less than the National/ State average, districts with female literacy rates less than 60% as per the Census 2011, districts/ blocks with large SC/ST/Minority population/ Educationally Backwards Blocks and Left Wing Extremism affected districts. The scheme has been approved with a financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore including Central share of Rs.700.00 crore and State share of Rs.337.90 crore during the implementation period from 2022-23 to 2026-27.
