

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 464**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/12/2023

**TRIBAL LITERACY RATE IN INDIA**

464 Shri A. A. Rahim:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the tribal literacy rate, State-wise;
- (b) the details of States that have special schemes to increase Tribal literacy rate; and
- (c) the number of students from STs enrolled in schools, State-wise, enrollment ratio among the ST population and the pass percentage for the 10th standard and 12th standard or equivalent?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

**(a):** As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report (July 2021 - June 2022), published by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), estimated literacy rate for Scheduled Tribes in India is 72.1%. However, State-wise details of literacy rates are not available in PLFS report. The State-wise literacy rate in respect of Scheduled Tribes as per Census 2011 is given at **Annexure I**.

**(b):** In order to bridge this gap in literacy, the Department of School Education and Literacy launched an integrated Centrally Sponsored Scheme for school education i.e. "Samagra Shiksha" with effect from the FY 2018-19. The scheme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. "SarvaShiksha Abhiyan" (SSA), "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan" (RMSA) and "Teacher Education". It envisages 'school' as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to senior secondary levels. The States/Union Territories are assisted by the Central Government to implement the Samagra Shiksha as a programme for providing universal access and retention, bridging the gender and social category in education and enhancement of learning level of children at all levels of school education including in tribal areas. The scheme is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education and is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 i.e. to ensure inclusive and equitable, quality and holistic school education.

The Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely - Nav Bharat SakshartaKaryakram (New India Literacy Programme - NILP) to align with the National Education Policy 2020 and to support all the States and Union Territories in promoting literacy among non-literates.

**(c):** As informed by Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, State-wise enrollment of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students (I-XII) for the year 2021-22 is given at **Annexure II**. The Gross Enrolment Ratio of ST students for the year 2021-22 in respect of Primary (I-V), Upper Primary (VI-VIII), Secondary (IX-X) and Higher Secondary (XI-XII) is 106.5, 97.95, 78.05 and 52.02 respectively. The pass percentage of ST Students for the year 2021-22 of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Standard is 75.87% and 83.72% respectively.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 464 for 06.12.2023 by Shri A. A. Rahim regarding “Tribal literacy rate in India”

**Literacy Rate of ST Population: Census 2011**

Sl. No	State / UT	Literacy Rate
	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>59</b>
1	Jammu & Kashmir	50.6
2	Himachal Pradesh	73.6
3	Uttarakhand	73.9
4	Rajasthan	52.8
5	Uttar Pradesh	55.7
6	Bihar	51.1
7	Sikkim	79.7
8	Arunachal Pradesh	64.6
9	Nagaland	80
10	Manipur	72.6
11	Mizoram	91.5
12	Tripura	79.1
13	Meghalaya	74.5
14	Assam	72.1
15	West Bengal	57.9
16	Jharkhand	57.1
17	Odisha	52.2
18	Chhattisgarh	59.1
19	Madhya Pradesh	50.6
20	Gujarat	62.5
21	Daman & Diu	78.8
22	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	61.9
23	Maharashtra	65.7
24	Telangana	49.5
25	Andhra Pradesh	48.8
26	Karnataka	62.1
27	Goa	79.1
28	Lakshadweep	91.7
29	Kerala	75.8
30	Tamil Nadu	54.3
31	Andaman& Nicobar Islands	75.6

**Annexure II**

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 464 for 06.12.2023 by Shri A. A. Rahim regarding “Tribal literacy rate in India”

**Enrolment of ST students(I-XII) for the year 2021-22**

S.No.	State/UT	ST students enrolled (I-XII)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5850
2	Andhra Pradesh	560121
3	Arunachal Pradesh	239678
4	Assam	997936
5	Bihar	719663
6	Chandigarh	697
7	Chhattisgarh	1762737
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	47288
9	Delhi	20156
10	Goa	24859
11	Gujarat	1961382
12	Haryana	429
13	Himachal Pradesh	79225
14	Jammu & Kashmir	317880
15	Jharkhand	2029125
16	Karnataka	900125
17	Kerala	93176
18	Ladakh	46546
19	Lakshadweep	11836
20	Madhya Pradesh	3520046
21	Maharashtra	2517254
22	Manipur	261991
23	Meghalaya	865147
24	Mizoram	272385
25	Nagaland	315760
26	Odisha	2062745
27	Puducherry	856
28	Punjab	4568
29	Rajasthan	2587742
30	Sikkim	41266
31	Tamilnadu	185136
32	Telangana	743453
33	Tripura	248240
34	Uttarakhand	63244
35	Uttar Pradesh	500389
36	West Bengal	1099019

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