

**ADULT EDUCATION**

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Target and Coverage:

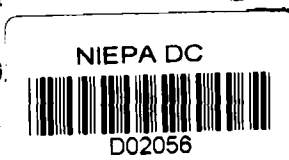
Estimated population to be covered during the 7th Plan period is 75,000. This includes additional increase of illiterates during last 4 years and also the anticipated increase from the base year level of 7th Plan upto 1990. This phenomenon of increase of illiterates is peculiar and observed throughout the country including Sikkim. One plausible explanation of it could be that many of the first generation non-literates soon relapse into illiteracy. This again implies the need for immediate and proper organisation of post illiteracy programmes.

Although no authentic made literate data is available it is presumed that during the 6th Plan period out of about 0.60 lakhs enrolled only about 0.40 lakhs will have completed the course upto 1984-85. Our 6th Plan base year figure was 0.89 lakhs illiterates in the age group 15.35 and above. So considering the decennial growth rate of population during the decade 1981-91 plus those who crossed over to 15-20 age group by 1990 an additional 0.25 lakhs illiterates have been estimated to add to the number upto 1990.

Position in respect of target and coverage during 6th and 7th Plan is indicated in enclosed tables I & III respectively.

So far as the target proposed for 7th Plan in respect of SC/ST population is concerned, it is based on the following assumptions viz : according to 1981 census, the total SC population in Sikkim is 0.18 lakhs while that of ST is 0.74 lakhs. Out of these, about 0.22 lakhs are illiterates among the former and 0.49 lakhs illiterates among the latter, of whom about 0.04 lakhs SC and 0.34 lakhs ST are estimated to be adults. During the 6th Plan, the estimated coverage of SC/ST illiterates has been about 2000 SC and 1500 ST. Thus we are left with atleast another 0.04 lakhs illiterates adults out of the former and 0.20 lakhs out of the latter. While all SC illiterates are expected to be covered under RFLP alone, the ST population will be covered by both RFLP and the State sector schemes because of least 5% to 7% increase in the number is anticipated.

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Similarly, in respect of target enrolment for women we have taken into consideration the extremely low literacy rate among the women (50%). The ratio of male-female population happens to be 1000 : 845 which means that while the sex ratio is almost equal (83.5%) the literacy rate is just half only. This is sought to be balanced by keeping a target of equal number of females against that of males.

STATE SECTOR SCHEMES : (7th PLAN)

Target and Coverages:

SAEP an addition of 0.10 to 0.15 lakhs women illiterates to the existing 0.38 lakhs is envisaged upto 1990. This brings the total to about 0.53 lakhs. This figure is sought to be covered through both RFLP and the SAEP and the targets have been fixed accordingly the tables 3 & 5 indicates the coverage during the 7th Plan.

NFE : Under this scheme, an estimated 0.15 lakhs out of school and drop out children between age-group 6-14 are sought to be covered at the rate of 5000 per year during the 7th Plan. No addition is anticipated as all attempts are being made to enrol maximum number of children of school going age into schools and also to retain them till they complete the stage.

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Table 1

RURAL FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT (6th PLAN PERIOD)

(A)	PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT				ACTUAL	TARGET
	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85 (upto 30/9/84)	
No. of centres	548	562	586	644	651	750
No. of persons covered						
Men	4937	9067	7076	7743	7375	6000
Women	3680	6465	4699	5118	5182	6000
ST	2731	<del>3202</del>	<del>2781</del>	2291	2855	3000
SC	328	302	328	402	684	800

TABLE 2.

OTHER STATE SECTOR SCHEMES

(a)	Enrolments	Target/Achieved 1983-84	Target 1984-85	Anticipated achievement
(i)	SAEP	- 3000 2760 (2.00 lakhs)	6000 (4.00 lakhs)	5000
(ii)	NFE	- 5000 4000 (2.00 lakhs)	5000 (4.00 lakhs)	4500
(b)	No. of centres:			
(i)	SAEP	100	75	200
(ii)	NFE	200	190	400

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Table 3.

RURAL FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT ( TARGET FOR 7th PLAN )

Total = 75,000

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	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Centres	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Enrolment :					
Men	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
Women	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
SC	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
SR	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000

Table 4.

NON FORMAL EDUCATION (7th PLAN TARGET)

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Centres	400	400	400	400	400
Enrolment :					
B.	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
G.	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
T.	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000

Table 5.

STATE PROGRAMME OF ADULT EDUCATION (WOMEN)

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
Centres	200	200	200	200	200
Coverage	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000

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