

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 736
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 22.07.2022

OUTREACH OF PMGDISHA

736. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA) is world's largest rural digital literacy programme and the details of its outreach to the masses and target population, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the human resource and technical assistance required for implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) the State/UT-wise budget allocated for the programme and the deadline to achieve its goals?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): The Government has set one trillion dollars as the goal for digital economy. Over the next coming years, India will emerge as one of the largest digitally connected and digitally enabled countries in the world. To help achieve this and to enhance digital adoption, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is focusing on providing digital literacy to the citizens across the country especially in the rural areas. In line with this, the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was approved by Union Cabinet in February 2017 with the approved budget outlay of Rs. 2351.38 crore, to usher in digital literacy in rural India with a target to cover 6 crore rural households (one person per household) across the country.

So far, a total of more than 6.15 crore candidates have been enrolled and 5.24 crore have been trained, out of which 3.89 crore candidates have been duly certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme. The State/UT-wise status of the PMGDISHA scheme is given at Annexure.

(b): The PMGDISHA scheme is being implemented through CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC-SPV), incorporated under the Companies Act 1956, under the overall supervision of MeitY, with the collaboration of the State Governments and UT Administrations. To ensure that the benefits of the program flow to the rural India, a centralized Project Management Unit (PMU) has been put in place by CSC-SPV to provide the requisite infrastructure backbone, logistics, co-ordination support among various agencies and monitoring mechanisms to oversee the implementation of the Scheme right up to the Gram Panchayat level.

Under the scheme, digital literacy training to the beneficiaries is imparted through the select Common Service Centres (CSCs)/Training Centres that are operational at the Gram Panchayat Level. As per the Scheme guidelines, such training centre should have minimum of 3-5 Computers (Laptop or PC) with genuine/licensed software and minimum of one teaching faculty. So far, more than 4.13 lakh such Centres are approved under the PMGDISHA scheme.

Certification of the trained beneficiaries is carried out through online remotely proctored examination conducted by nationally recognized Certifying Agencies namely National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), ICT Academy, Haryana Knowledge Corporation Limited (HKCL) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).

(c): The PMGDISHA Scheme is funded as a Central Sector Scheme, hence, funds are not sanctioned and allocated to States/UTs. The targets under the scheme are expected to be achieved within the approved duration of the scheme i.e. upto 31st March, 2023.

The State/UT-wise status of the PMGDISHA scheme as on date is given below:

S.N.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISL.	1,550	390	158
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	15,84,215	12,45,042	8,83,005
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3,531	1,308	895
4	ASSAM	26,58,841	23,10,488	18,37,645
5	BIHAR	66,60,303	58,40,005	42,58,419
6	CHHATTISGARH	25,04,227	21,55,181	16,29,755
7	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	2,491	1,150	669
8	DAMAN AND DIU	1,901	1,117	689
9	DELHI	3,486	2,733	2,163
10	GOA	28,192	20,733	14,388
11	GUJARAT	26,39,057	22,95,917	16,87,597
12	HARYANA	18,26,204	15,43,612	11,65,084
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4,22,256	3,15,586	2,27,895
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	6,16,904	4,57,421	3,31,936
15	JHARKHAND	23,28,404	18,76,190	13,69,503
16	KARNATAKA	10,90,231	8,34,513	5,46,482
17	KERALA	53,192	25,816	20,562
18	LAKSHADWEEP	109	35	-
19	MADHYA PRADESH	51,64,223	45,42,853	33,51,015
20	MAHARASHTRA	46,63,891	38,75,815	27,81,454
21	MANIPUR	12,149	7,126	4,399
22	MEGHALAYA	1,42,079	96,316	63,758
23	MIZORAM	19,914	14,684	7,280
24	NAGALAND	5,959	4,152	2,919
25	ODISHA	30,58,025	25,27,960	19,01,969
26	PUDUCHERRY	15,311	10,650	7,046
27	PUNJAB	15,98,488	13,72,069	10,54,486
28	RAJASTHAN	34,58,840	29,14,034	21,26,395
29	SIKKIM	11,717	7,713	5,123
30	TAMIL NADU	12,80,695	10,05,212	7,24,117
31	TELANGANA	9,22,222	7,13,452	4,86,849
32	TRIPURA	3,16,201	2,45,479	1,96,927
33	UTTARAKHAND	6,86,057	5,69,565	4,22,530
34	UTTAR PRADESH	1,54,56,874	1,36,72,327	1,03,19,662
35	WEST BENGAL	22,85,333	18,59,507	14,40,947
36	LADAKH	23,774	21,563	16,679
TOTAL		6,15,46,846	5,23,87,714	3,88,90,400
