

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 884
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.02.2024

STATUS OF PMGDISHA IN ODISHA

884. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

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

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the data of the enrollments, and certifications under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), State-wise, year-wise, gender-wise and caste-wise;
- (b) the reasons for any unutilised funds and unmet targets under the PMGDISHA, especially in the context of Odisha;
- (c) whether Government is aware of issues in the accessibility of the PMGDISHA training, such as the time-consuming process of formalities at the training centre, travelling long distances for the nearest training centre, issuance of certificates without proper training and commissions charged by training centres; and
- (d) if so, the details of measures to taken by Government to solve these issues?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The Government has launched the PMGDISHA Scheme in the year 2017 with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and to create a knowledge-based economy by ensuring digital access, digital inclusion, digital empowerment and bridging the digital divide by targeting rural citizens of India towards improvement of their lives. The target of the scheme is to cover 6 crore rural households (one person per household) across the country. As of now, more than 7.36 crore candidates have been enrolled, 6.35 crore have been trained and 4.74 crore candidates have been duly certified under the said scheme. The State-wise, year-wise, gender-wise and caste-wise data is given at **Annexure-I**.

In the State of Odisha, as of now, more than 36.60 lakh candidates have been enrolled from the rural households, more than 31.25 lakh candidates have been trained and 23.77 lakh candidates have been duly certified. Further, the PMGDISHA Scheme is funded as a Central Sector Scheme; hence funds are not sanctioned and allocated to States/UTs.

(c) to (d): Under the PMGDISHA scheme, around 4.38 lakh registered training centres at Gram Panchayat level were approved across the country. Further, the beneficiary registration is done at these training centres using Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Authentication. After successful registration of the candidates, each beneficiary has to undergo training for a minimum duration of 20 hours at the training centres. After successful completion of training, the trained beneficiaries have to undergo an online examination by a recognized certifying agency through an online remotely proctored examination. Further, no training fee is charged from the beneficiary; and the release of training fees is made directly to the training agency's account upon successful certification of candidates.

Annexure-I**State/UT –wise registered, trained and certified candidates under PMGDISHA**

Sl. No.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5,564	2,931	1,813
2	Andhra Pradesh	22,49,202	18,67,124	13,50,133
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10,025	7,253	4,409
4	Assam	27,21,585	23,60,088	18,75,361
5	Bihar	81,94,370	73,57,819	54,11,927
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	25,43,976	21,92,630	16,55,774
8	Delhi	10,751	9,352	6,808
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	19,962	17,111	12,514
10	Goa	58,569	53,784	40,005
11	Gujarat	30,29,743	26,75,431	19,75,372
12	Haryana	18,79,629	15,97,740	12,08,549
13	Himachal Pradesh	6,45,185	5,08,956	3,77,400
14	Jammu and Kashmir	8,65,854	7,00,669	5,09,787
15	Jharkhand	27,59,895	22,91,687	16,89,229
16	Karnataka	28,77,318	20,70,571	15,02,482
17	Kerala	1,27,175	72,162	51,478
18	Ladakh	24,785	22,122	17,377
19	Lakshadweep	142	35	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	57,27,927	51,00,979	37,84,166
21	Maharashtra	61,24,800	53,10,395	38,41,116
22	Manipur	28,107	17,836	11,479
23	Meghalaya	1,52,200	1,05,697	70,926
24	Mizoram	29,135	21,955	13,541
25	Nagaland	11,984	8,837	6,209
26	Odisha	36,60,390	31,25,626	23,76,858
27	Puducherry	23,531	17,224	12,053
28	Punjab	17,62,934	15,30,840	11,78,446
29	Rajasthan	44,88,326	39,28,637	28,86,881
30	Sikkim	26,418	22,571	16,365
31	Tamil Nadu	17,00,881	13,97,965	10,44,592
32	Telangana	14,19,714	11,62,197	8,22,149
33	Tripura	3,25,000	2,64,186	2,15,688
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,65,21,000	1,47,43,030	1,11,81,071
35	Uttarakhand	7,88,200	6,75,132	5,06,000
36	West Bengal	28,10,620	23,57,914	18,39,799
	Total	7,36,24,897	6,35,98,486	4,74,97,757

*Chandigarh and Delhi are in Urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the Scheme.

Year-wise data of Registered, Trained & Certified candidates under PMGDISHA Scheme as below:

Year	Registered	Trained	Certified
2016-17	1,99,835	1,42,679	0
2017-18	1,15,56,637	86,52,545	58,64,154
2018-19	98,99,984	86,38,131	66,96,677
2019-20	1,43,30,497	1,28,66,861	90,07,394
2020-21	1,08,91,062	97,05,528	73,07,927
2021-22	1,11,74,067	98,43,386	76,13,672
2022-23	1,02,56,389	93,16,192	73,39,079
2023-24 (Till Date)	53,16,426	44,33,164	36,68,854
Total	7,36,24,897	6,35,98,486	4,74,97,757

Gender-wise Registered, Trained & Certified candidates under PMGDISHA Scheme as below:

Sl. No.	Gender	Registered	Trained	Certified
1.	Female	4,05,60,345	3,55,98,301	2,75,07,839
2.	Male	3,30,63,492	2,79,99,245	1,99,89,274
3.	Transgender	1,060	940	644
	Total	7,36,24,897	6,35,98,486	4,74,97,757

Caste-wise Registered, Trained & Certified candidates under PMGDISHA Schemes below:

Sl. No.	Category-wise	Registered	Trained	Certified
1.	General	2,42,23,944	2,07,26,172	1,53,88,009
2.	Other Backward Class	2,93,58,299	2,55,31,067	1,91,00,531
3.	Scheduled Castes	1,34,92,347	1,17,48,900	89,61,257
4.	Scheduled Tribes	65,50,307	55,92,347	40,47,960
	Total	7,36,24,897	6,35,98,486	4,74,97,757
