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RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF DIGITAL LITERACY IN KARNATAKA

2294. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) the number of districts in Karnataka covered under the Digital India campaign for promoting digital literacy;
- (b) the total beneficiaries trained under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA); and
- (c) the impact of these efforts on digital access in rural areas of the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): The Government launched Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in 2017 to ensure digital literacy. Against the target to train 6 crore individuals, a total of 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country.

The Scheme was implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited through 4.39 Lakh Common Service Centres (CSC) run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). The scheme officially concluded on 31st March 2024.

In the State of Karnataka, a total of 24,40,957 candidates were trained across all districts.

The impact analysis of the PMGDISHA scheme was carried out by three agencies namely the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, Council for Social Development (CSD) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The latest impact assessment study of the PMGDISHA scheme was conducted by IIPA.

The analysis concluded that training provided under PMGDISHA has had a significant impact on the adoption of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and other forms of digital media. It benefited its participants by enabling their access to a wide range of information and services for various purposes, helping to reduce the overall digital divide in the country.
