

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MeitY)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4425**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.03.2017

**DIGITAL LITERACY**

**4425. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**  
**SHRI P.K.BIJU:**

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

- (a) the details of institutes / labs functioning in the country for digital literacy as on date, State-wise; and
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted to be shared with companies investing in startup projects to propagate digital literacy and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bihar?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a): The Government has implemented two digital literacy schemes viz. National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) and Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (DISHA). The implementing agency for these schemes is CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV). The State-wise details of the NDLM / DISHA training centres affiliated with CSC SPV under the above schemes are at **Annexure**.

Recently, the Government has approved a new scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” with an objective to make six crore households digitally literate in rural areas, across States/UTs, reaching to around 40% of rural households by covering one member from every eligible household.

(b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has published the 71<sup>st</sup> Round Survey Report titled ‘Social Consumption - Education Survey 2014’, which *inter-alia* covers IT Literacy. As per this report, the proportion of households in the Country having computer was around 14% (only 6% of rural households and 29% of urban households possessed computer). Among people in the age group of 14-29 years in rural India, only 18% were able to operate a computer. Similarly, in the age group of 30-45 years, the percentage dropped further to 4%. In the age group of 46-60 years, the percentage was just more than 1%. This highlighted that more than 15 crore rural households (@ 94% of 16.85 crore households) did not have computers and a significant number of these households were likely to be digitally illiterate. Further, as per this Report, in the State of Bihar, the proportion (per 1000) of households having computer was reported as 42 (rural+urban).

In addition, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) publishes reports on monthly basis indicating the data relating to telephone subscribers (wireless/wireline) and broadband subscribers. As per TRAI’s report dated 17.2.2017, there were a total of 115.17 crore (approx.) telephone subscribers in the country as on 31.12.2016 (wireless - 112.73 crore and wireline - 2.44

crore). Out of this, there are 8.22 crore wireless and 3.18 lakh wire line subscribers in Bihar. Further, there were 23.61 crore total number of broadband subscribers across the country as on 31.12.2016.

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**Annexure**

**State-wise details of training centres affiliated with CSC- SPV under the NDLM / DISHA Schemes**

	State	Total
1	Jharkhand	3605
2	Nagaland	189
3	Assam	1797
4	Mizoram	92
5	Maharashtra	8424
6	Chhattisgarh	3233
7	Bihar	9181
8	Manipur	479
9	Goa	79
10	Gujarat	6302
11	Arunachal Pradesh	115
12	Madhya Pradesh	7135
13	Meghalaya	65
14	Haryana	3654
15	Uttar Pradesh	19443
16	West Bengal	6515
17	Tamil Nadu	3100
18	Uttarakhand	2133
19	Karnataka	3209
20	Rajasthan	7123
21	Himachal Pradesh	2007
22	Odisha	3358
23	Chandigarh	234
24	Tripura	362
25	Punjab	2489
26	Andaman & Nicobar	10
27	Andhra Pradesh	2925
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
29	Daman & Diu	4
30	Jammu & Kashmir	1076
31	Kerala	1188
32	Lakshadweep	1
33	Delhi	1636
34	Puducherry	75
35	Sikkim	170
36	Telangana	2440
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>103849</b>

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