

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1484
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 27.12.2017

PMGDISHA

1484. DR.P.K. BIJU :
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Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to usher in digital literacy in rural India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the scheme is likely to be introduced in each district of the country;
- (c) the funds allocated/released to States/Union Territories including Kerala for implementation of the scheme in the last three years, year-wise; and
- (a) the total number of citizens who will be benefitted from this scheme, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a) to (d): The Government has approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” in February, 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 Crore rural households (one person per household). The total outlay of the Scheme is Rs. 2,351.38 Crore (approx.).

The PMGDISHA is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV), with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations, District e-Governance Society (DeGS), etc.

To ensure equitable geographical coverage across the country, a Gram Panchayat centric approach is adopted with targets being assigned and monitored for each of the 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats. On an average a target of 200-300 beneficiaries per Gram Panchayat is envisaged. All the Panchayats in the country would be covered under the scheme except the Panchayats which are part of urban agglomerations.

The targets under the PMGDISHA Scheme are expected to be achieved by 31st March 2019. As on 21.12.2017, around 1.01 crore candidates have been enrolled under the Scheme, out of 97.75 lakh candidates have completed the training and 46.07 lakh have been certified by a duly authorized 3rd party Assessment Agency.

So far, an amount of Rs. 100 crore has been sanctioned to the implementing agency of the Scheme i.e. CSC-SPV. The indicative targets for all the States / Union Territories based on availability of average number of rural households and the tentative funds requirement based

on the estimated expenses towards training fee, certification/assessment fee and programme management is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Indicative States/Union Territories including Kerala - targets and funds requirement under PMGDISHA Scheme

S. No.	States/UTs	Indicative Targets	Indicative fund requirement (Rs. in crore)
1	Uttar Pradesh	1,11,71,000	437.79
2	Bihar	66,30,000	259.83
3	West Bengal	44,81,000	175.61
4	Maharashtra	44,33,000	173.73
5	Madhya Pradesh	37,84,000	148.29
6	Rajasthan	37,12,000	145.47
7	Karnataka	27,05,000	106.01
8	Tamil Nadu	26,79,000	104.99
9	Orissa	25,17,000	98.64
10	Gujarat	24,97,000	97.86
11	Andhra Pradesh	20,28,000	79.48
12	Telangana	20,28,000	79.48
13	Assam	19,29,000	75.6
14	Jharkhand	18,03,000	70.66
15	Chhattisgarh	14,12,000	55.33
16	Kerala	12,57,000	49.26
17	Punjab	12,47,000	48.87
18	Haryana	11,91,000	46.67
19	Jammu & Kashmir	6,58,000	25.79
20	Uttarakhand	5,06,000	19.83
21	Himachal Pradesh	4,44,000	17.39
22	Tripura	1,95,000	7.64
23	Meghalaya	1,71,000	6.7
24	Manipur	1,37,000	5.37
25	Nagaland	1,01,000	3.96
26	Arunachal Pradesh	77,000	3.02
27	Goa	40,000	1.57
28	Mizoram	38,000	1.49
29	Sikkim	33,000	1.29
30	NCT of Delhi	30,000	1.17
31	Puducherry	28,000	1.1
32	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	18,000	0.71
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13,000	0.51
34	Daman & Diu	4,000	0.15
35	Chandigarh	2,000	0.08
36	Lakshadweep	1,000	0.04
	Total	6,00,00,000	Rs. 2,351.38

Note: Targets and funds requirement per State/UT may vary depending upon performance
