

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5436
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NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION

**5436. SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details about number of people imparted Information and Technology (IT) training under National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) across various States of the country particularly in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Maharashtra since the launch of the Mission;
- (b) the total number of Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and Authorised Ration Distributors who have been imparted training in information and Technology (IT) literacy under the said scheme during the last five years, year and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the estimated time limit to achieve the target of ensuring digital literacy at least to one member from every family;
- (d) the effective measures being taken by the Government to achieve the said target; and
- (e) whether some villages of rural areas of the country are yet to get internet facilities and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such villages?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): To enhance digital adoption, Government is focusing on providing digital literacy to the citizens across the country. The steps taken by the Government to improve digital literacy among the urban and rural areas of the country given below:

- i. During the years 2014 to 2016, Government of India had implemented two Schemes on providing digital literacy to the masses namely "National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)" and "Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA)" with a cumulative target of 52.50 lakh persons (one person from every eligible household) across the country including rural India. Beneficiaries under the DISHA scheme also included field level government functionaries namely Anganwadi and ASHA workers and Authorised ration dealers in all the states across the country, the States/UTs -wise details is given as **Annexure-I**.

Under these two schemes, a total of 53.67 lakh beneficiaries were trained, out of which around 42% candidates were from rural India. Both schemes have been closed now. The State/UT-wise achievement is given as **Annexure-II**.

- ii. In the year 2017, Government approved a Scheme titled "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)" to usher in digital literacy in rural India with a target to cover 6 crore rural households (one person per household) across the country. The scheme is under implementation and as of now, more than 6.82 crore candidates have been enrolled and 5.87 crore have been trained, out of which 4.37 crore candidates have been duly certified. The status of the scheme in the last five years is given below:

Year	Registered	Trained	Certified
FY 2018-19	98,99,984	86,34,127	66,96,677

FY 2019-20	1,43,30,497	1,28,35,709	90,07,394
FY 2020-21	1,08,91,062	96,07,205	73,07,927
FY 2021-22	1,11,74,067	98,36,349	76,13,672
FY 2022-23 (Till 29.03.2023)	1,02,35,027	89,74,381	72,86,210

The State/UT-wise achievement under the PMGDISHA scheme is given as **Annexure-II**.

(d): The following measures are taken up for achieving the targets under the PMGDISHA scheme:

- To ensure equitable geographical reach, each of the Gram Panchayat is envisaged to register an average of 200-300 candidates.
- *The beneficiaries are provided with 20 hours of training consisting of 5 modules namely (i) Introduction to Digital Devices, (ii) Operating Digital Devices, (iii) Introduction to the Internet, (iv) Communications using the Internet, (v) Application of the Internet (includes Citizen centric services) and use of financial tools for undertaking digital cashless transactions.*
- *The training content is made available in 22 scheduled languages and English. This content is made available on both online and offline mode. In addition, keeping in view the thrust of the government on promoting cashless transactions through mobile phones, the content on digital wallets, mobile banking, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD), Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), and PoS has also been included.*
- *After training of the candidate, a third-party Assessment of the trained candidates is carried out through online mode remotely proctored examination conducted by recognized Certifying Agencies namely National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Haryana Knowledge Corporation Limited (HKCL) and ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu (ICTACT). Digitally Signed Certificates are issued for all successful candidates and directly uploaded in their Digi-Locker accounts.*
- *Awareness and promotional activities towards Digital literacy through campaigns, workshops, seminars, digital vans, etc.*

(e): Department of Telecommunication is implementing the BharatNet project in a phased manner to connect about 6 lakh inhabited villages including Gram Panchayats (GPs) with broadband facility in the country. As on date, total of 1,91,751 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country.

State wise counts of ASHA/ Anganwadi/ Ration Dealer candidates under DISHA			
State/ UT	Anganwadi	ASHA worker	Ration Dealer
Andhra Pradesh	8,137	794	131
Arunachal Pradesh	33	-	-
Assam	7,276	910	1,949
Bihar	7,964	4,015	1,148
Chandigarh	452	149	-
Chhattisgarh	5,175	8,221	1,938
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	4	-
Delhi	369	100	122
Goa	159	-	-
Gujarat	3,384	1,453	119
Haryana	3,266	4,063	212
Himachal Pradesh	4,195	240	44
Jammu & Kashmir	8,789	2,564	312
Jharkhand	2,910	709	533
Karnataka	2,629	1,915	595
Kerala	778	210	2
Madhya Pradesh	6,059	3,117	637
Maharashtra	18,268	8,223	1,360
Manipur	2,296	366	10
Nagaland	742	-	-
Odisha	2,859	1,537	317
Puducherry	415	-	-
Punjab	2,862	480	51
Rajasthan	2,084	1,851	233
Sikkim	1	14	-
Tamil Nadu	27,125	73	4
Telangana	5,377	3,321	513
Tripura	150	143	12
Utrakhand	1,267	596	49
Uttarpradesh	18,630	5,654	1,068
West Bengal	30,642	3,607	795
Total	1,74,294	54,329	12,154

Table-I: State/UT-wise achievement made under NDLM				
		Candidates		
S.N.	State	Enrolled	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl.	1,964	1,410	316
2	Andhra Pradesh	39,000	39,000	37,580
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,055	565	24
4	Assam	20,000	5,568	1,388
5	Bihar	78,000	78,000	78,000
6	Chandigarh	5,731	5,460	4,604
7	Chhattisgarh	26,000	26,000	26,000
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	412	317	168
9	Daman & Diu	2,488	2,132	1,055
10	Delhi	20,000	20,000	16,815
11	Goa	2,350	2,113	917
12	Gujarat	78,000	78,000	78,000
13	Haryana	26,000	26,000	24,104
14	Himachal Pradesh	6,666	6,666	6,666
15	Jammu & Kashmir	26,000	26,000	26,000
16	Jharkhand	26,000	26,000	26,000
17	Karnataka	60,000	60,000	60,000
18	Kerala	20,000	20,000	17,236
19	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	78,000	78,000	78,000
21	Maharashtra	78,000	78,000	78,000
22	Manipur	6,666	7,329	3,087
23	Meghalaya	107	-	-
24	Mizoram	4,684	538	87
25	Nagaland	4,760	5,412	3,223
26	Odisha	26,000	26,000	26,000
27	Puducherry	6,666	6,666	5,931
28	Punjab	26,000	26,000	26,000
29	Rajasthan	78,000	78,000	78,000
30	Sikkim	4,850	4,009	201
31	Tamil Nadu	78,000	78,000	73,878
32	Telangana	39,000	39,000	34,054
33	Tripura	6,666	6,666	6,666
34	Uttar Pradesh	78,000	78,000	78,000
35	Uttarakhand	26,000	26,000	26,000
36	West Bengal	78,000	78,000	78,000
	Total	10,59,065	10,38,851	10,00,000

Table-II: State/UT-wise achievement made under DISHA				
		Candidates		
S.N.	State	Enrolled	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl.	981	228	93
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,02,133	2,93,133	1,28,187
3	Arunachal Pradesh	11,885	2,935	2,115
4	Assam	1,87,111	60,998	50,085
5	Bihar	8,97,205	6,88,804	3,62,129
6	Chandigarh	29,411	17,387	9,042
7	Chhattisgarh	3,12,370	2,31,036	1,46,451
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	28	26	18
9	Daman & Diu	402	380	321
10	Delhi	1,34,373	1,20,633	65,021
11	Goa	2,610	2,277	361
12	Gujarat	5,54,923	4,94,955	2,56,584

13	Haryana	2,24,085	2,05,589	1,09,070
14	Himachal Pradesh	62,675	55,941	24,598
15	Jammu & Kashmir	2,55,445	1,96,244	95,802
16	Jharkhand	2,25,278	2,07,349	88,876
17	Karnataka	6,55,070	4,95,362	2,92,666
18	Kerala	98,727	89,535	32,121
19	Lakshadweep	135	97	20
20	Madhya Pradesh	7,85,799	5,73,416	2,87,629
21	Maharashtra	8,11,791	6,14,597	3,30,928
22	Manipur	52,341	42,536	27,936
23	Meghalaya	72	36	-
24	Mizoram	15,209	11,928	9,420
25	Nagaland	25,924	12,119	9,774
26	Odisha	2,04,532	1,95,060	95,099
27	Puducherry	35,216	33,786	13,117
28	Punjab	2,77,453	2,11,780	70,962
29	Rajasthan	8,59,076	6,21,428	2,94,376
30	Sikkim	20,702	13,749	10,424
31	Tamil Nadu	4,08,310	3,94,403	2,19,753
32	Telangana	3,03,586	1,88,247	1,51,799
33	Tripura	99,502	75,209	36,270
34	Uttar Pradesh	9,55,441	7,04,617	5,54,707
35	Uttarakhand	2,11,770	1,82,334	76,021
36	West Bengal	9,05,833	7,31,851	5,15,317
Total		99,27,404	77,70,005	43,67,092

State/UT-wise achievement made under PMGDISHA

S.N.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl.	4,813	2,350	1,457
2	Andhra Pradesh	19,53,357	15,85,342	11,33,421
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7,741	5,177	3,447
4	Assam	26,88,490	23,29,986	18,51,991
5	Bihar	75,17,292	66,93,855	49,04,116
6	Chhattisgarh	25,04,227	21,55,181	16,29,755
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	8,215	6,551	4,634
8	Daman and Diu	4,382	3,258	2,475
9	Delhi	10,128	8,501	5,963
10	Goa	58,297	52,836	39,100
11	Gujarat	28,22,049	24,76,404	18,23,706
12	Haryana	18,70,129	15,89,095	12,01,678
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,19,834	3,96,072	2,90,602
14	Jammu and Kashmir	7,37,864	5,79,189	4,18,810
15	Jharkhand	25,70,252	21,07,224	15,47,807
16	Karnataka	15,92,261	11,78,372	7,88,835
17	Kerala	76,465	34,803	25,025
18	Lakshadweep	136	35	-
19	Madhya Pradesh	56,32,301	50,06,516	37,12,059
20	Maharashtra	57,05,966	49,05,796	35,40,053
21	Manipur	25,335	16,132	10,328
22	Meghalaya	1,46,724	1,01,360	67,945
23	Mizoram	27,464	20,747	12,767
24	Nagaland	7,285	4,986	3,313
25	Odisha	33,70,979	28,32,565	21,42,323
26	Puducherry	18,846	12,914	8,694
27	Punjab	17,27,507	14,93,785	11,47,207
28	Rajasthan	40,04,059	34,74,285	25,45,910
29	Sikkim	24,730	21,309	15,697
30	Tamil Nadu	14,99,125	12,06,341	8,88,947
31	Telangana	11,73,757	9,43,131	6,51,575
32	Tripura	3,16,201	2,45,479	1,96,927
33	Uttarakhand	7,87,000	6,72,676	5,02,941
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,62,44,717	1,44,53,631	1,09,43,162
35	West Bengal	25,73,842	21,39,208	16,65,542
36	Ladakh	24,718	22,077	17,356
	Total	6,82,56,488	5,87,77,169	4,37,45,568
