

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1098**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.07.2023

**NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION**

**1098. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:**

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

- (a) the details of number of people imparted Information and Technology (IT) training under National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) across various States/UTs of the country, particularly in West Bengal since the launch of the mission, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and Authorised Ration Distributors who have been imparted training in information and technology 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 atleast to one member from every family;
- (d) the effective measures being taken by the Government to achieve the said target;
- (e) whether some villages of rural areas of the country are yet to get internet facilities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such villages especially in West Bengal?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Government has launched PMGDISHA Scheme 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 various steps taken by the Government to improve digital literacy among the urban and rural areas of the country are 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 SakshartaAbhiyan (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(including the State of West Bengal) 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 launched a Scheme titled "PradhanMantriGramin Digital SakshartaAbhiyan (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 7.03 crore candidates have been enrolled and

6.06 crore have been trained, out of which 4.51 crore candidates have been duly certified. The year-wise achievements of the Scheme in the last five years are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Certified</b>
FY 2017-18	1,17,45,757	87,54,282	58,57,656
FY 2018-19	98,99,995	86,37,923	66,96,562
FY 2019-20	1,43,30,473	1,28,66,347	90,07,394
FY 2020-21	1,08,91,488	97,05,343	73,07,927
FY 2021-22	1,11,73,679	98,41,726	76,13,672
FY 2022-23	1,02,56,353	92,83,042	73,39,079
FY 2023-24 (Till 19.07.23)	20,20,353	15,43,325	13,53,186
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,03,18,098</b>	<b>6,06,31,988</b>	<b>4,51,75,476</b>

The State/UT-wise achievement details (including the State of West Bengal) under the PMGDISHA scheme is given as **Annexure-III**.

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

- Efforts have been made to identify and register new Training centers in uncovered Gram Panchayats across the country.
- In order to address the low internet connectivity issues, Wifi-choupals have been established at remote locations.
- Some rural schools have been engaged for training and examination of candidates in order to penetrate the rural populous districts of identified states.
- Scaling up the awareness and promotional activities towards Digital literacy through campaigns, workshops, seminars, digital vans, etc.
- The training content is made available in 22 scheduled languages and English. This content is made available on both online and offline mode.

(e) and (f): Under BharatNet project broadband connectivity is being provided to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country.

As on 30.06.2023, 1,94,909 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project in the country. In West Bengal, as on 30.06.2023, 2604 GPs have been made Service Ready under the BharatNet project.

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<b>State wise counts of ASHA/ Anganwadi/ Ration Dealer candidates under DISHA</b>			
<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>Anganwadi</b>	<b>ASHA worker</b>	<b>Ration Dealer</b>
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
Uttar Pradesh	18,630	5,654	1,068
West Bengal	30,642	3,607	795
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,74,294</b>	<b>54,329</b>	<b>12,154</b>

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<b>Table-I: State/UT-wise achievement made under NDLM</b>				
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Candidates</b>		
		<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Certified</b>
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
<b>36</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,59,065</b>	<b>10,38,851</b>	<b>10,00,000</b>

<b>Table-II: State/UT-wise achievement made under DISHA</b>				
		<b>Candidates</b>		
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Certified</b>
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
<b>36</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>9,05,833</b>	<b>7,31,851</b>	<b>5,15,317</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>99,27,404</b>	<b>77,70,005</b>	<b>43,67,092</b>

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**State/UT-wise achievement made under PMGDISHA**

S.N.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5,179	2,628	1,623
2	Andhra Pradesh	20,74,589	16,91,098	12,10,671
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8,458	5,840	3,902
4	Assam	27,06,066	23,46,445	18,64,453
5	Bihar	78,26,190	69,71,323	51,11,467
6	Chandigarh	-	-	-
7	Chhattisgarh*	25,32,031	21,79,832	16,45,784
8	Delhi*	-	-	-
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	14,724	11,762	8,394
10	Goa	58,569	53,784	40,005
11	Gujarat	28,96,721	25,42,530	18,75,246
12	Haryana	18,78,129	15,94,616	12,05,597
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,56,806	4,34,766	3,20,809
14	Jammu and Kashmir	7,86,396	6,25,244	4,51,991
15	Jharkhand	26,63,483	22,02,458	16,23,408
16	Karnataka	18,58,600	13,61,030	9,37,427
17	Kerala	89,502	43,734	32,051
18	Ladakh	24,785	22,082	17,357
19	Lakshadweep	140	35	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	57,27,927	51,00,861	37,84,166
21	Maharashtra	58,58,995	50,50,137	36,46,436
22	Manipur	26,614	17,061	11,065
23	Meghalaya	1,48,780	1,03,152	69,273
24	Mizoram	28,561	21,435	13,337
25	Nagaland	9,064	6,024	4,123
26	Odisha	35,29,502	29,84,009	22,60,437
27	Puducherry	21,774	15,748	10,980
28	Punjab	17,37,888	15,07,581	11,60,587
29	Rajasthan	41,69,572	36,20,466	26,53,848
30	Sikkim	25,755	22,143	16,227
31	Tamil Nadu	15,81,438	12,78,959	9,46,528
32	Telangana	12,63,974	10,21,917	7,10,014
33	Tripura	3,25,000	2,64,186	2,15,688
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,64,37,761	1,46,30,601	1,10,81,333
35	Uttarakhand	7,88,200	6,75,130	5,06,000
36	West Bengal	26,56,925	22,23,371	17,35,249
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,03,18,098</b>	<b>6,06,31,988</b>	<b>4,51,75,476</b>

\*Chandigarh and Delhi are in urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the scheme.

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