

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.428**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.07.2024

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING**

**428. SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the number of persons being provided with Information Technology (IT) training every year under the National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) since its launch in various States/Union Territories of the country, particularly in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has imparted IT Literacy under the said scheme to Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and authorised ration distributors;
- (d) if so, the details of the people trained in this regard, year and State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has set up any time frame to achieve the target to ensure digital literacy of one person from every household;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with various measures being taken by the Government;
- (g) whether there are villages in the country where internet facility is still not available; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): 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 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**.

In the year 2017, the Government of India launched 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) which has been officially concluded on 31.03.2024. As on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, around 7.35 crore candidates were enrolled and 6.39 crore were trained, out of which 4.78 crore candidates were certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme. The year-wise achievements of the Scheme are given below:

Year	Registered	Trained	Certified
2016-17	1,99,224	1,42,087	0

2017-18	1,13,02,007	84,14,860	56,56,276
2018-19	97,92,341	85,42,173	66,22,107
2019-20	1,42,85,919	1,28,25,128	89,69,937
2020-21	1,08,78,397	96,95,717	73,00,552
2021-22	1,11,13,212	97,87,886	75,75,516
2022-23	1,01,45,209	92,12,931	72,59,050
2023-24	58,55,656	53,20,936	44,52,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,35,71,965</b>	<b>6,39,41,718</b>	<b>4,78,36,186</b>

The State/UT-wise achievement details (including Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu) under the PMGDISHA scheme is given as **Annexure-III**.

(f):The following measures were taken to achieve the targets under the PMGDISHA scheme:

- Efforts were 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 were established at remote locations.
- Some rural schools were 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 was made available in 22 scheduled languages and English. This content is made available on both online and offline mode.

(g) to (h): As per the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India press release dated 9th February, 2024, there are 375.66 million rural internet subscribers across the country. Further, under BharatNet project broadband connectivity is being provided to the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country. As on 18.07.2024, 1,99,655 villages have been covered under the BharatNet project in the country.

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## Annexure-I

<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
<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
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
Uttarakhand	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>Candidates</b>		
<b>S.N.</b>	<b>State</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
<b>8</b>	<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>1,055</b>
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
	<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
<b>8</b>	<b>Dadra &amp; Nagar Haveli</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Daman &amp; Diu</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>321</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>99,27,404</b>	<b>77,70,005</b>	<b>43,67,092</b>

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**States/UT's-wise achievements under the PMGDISHA Scheme**

Sl. No.	State Name	Registered Candidates	Trained Candidates	Certified Candidates
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5,564	2,931	1,813
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23,01,731	19,17,452	13,90,142
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14,949	11,615	6,615
4.	Assam	27,21,585	23,60,195	18,75,452
5.	Bihar	82,40,606	74,12,740	54,62,848
6.	Chhattisgarh	24,86,455	21,37,064	16,06,777
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	20,522	18,029	13,938
8.	Goa	58,569	53,784	40,005
9.	Gujarat	30,31,310	26,83,286	19,84,049
10.	Haryana	18,57,815	15,77,109	11,90,337
11.	Himachal Pradesh	6,61,922	5,32,976	3,98,166
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	8,70,451	7,06,991	5,17,436
13.	Jharkhand	27,52,731	22,86,356	16,87,611
14.	Karnataka	29,64,726	24,40,957	18,33,519
15.	Kerala	1,77,165	1,18,132	85,352
16.	Ladakh	24,785	22,122	17,377
17.	Lakshadweep	142	35	-
18.	Madhya Pradesh	56,92,467	50,69,449	37,58,313
19.	Maharashtra	61,23,970	53,23,817	38,53,643
20.	Manipur	28,397	18,286	11,989
21.	Meghalaya	1,52,783	1,06,063	71,301
22.	Mizoram	30,317	23,125	14,357
23.	Nagaland	11,990	8,968	6,332
24.	Odisha	36,16,441	30,86,143	23,46,795
25.	Puducherry	22,079	15,801	10,883
26.	Punjab	17,46,448	15,14,820	11,65,692
27.	Rajasthan	45,06,184	39,70,690	29,27,166
28.	Sikkim	27,035	23,122	16,480
29.	Tamil Nadu			

		17,04,537	14,07,880	10,55,235
30.	Telangana	14,56,226	12,10,448	8,64,871
31.	Tripura	3,25,000	2,64,186	2,15,688
32.	Uttar Pradesh	1,63,14,369	1,45,48,273	1,10,25,560
33.	Uttarakhand	7,85,978	6,73,306	5,04,730
34.	West Bengal	28,36,714	23,95,565	18,75,716
	Total	7,35,71,965	6,39,41,718	4,78,36,188

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

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