

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

DIGITAL LITERACY FOR TRIBAL YOUTH

1587. SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

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

- (a) whether the tribal youth have the lowest literacy rate in electronics and information technology as compared to others;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to start a scheme to boost digital literacy with special focus on tribal population especially in Tripura; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per Census 2011, India has a Scheduled Tribe (ST) population of 10.43 crore representing 8.6% of the total population and 11.3% of the rural population. The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) scheme of MeitY was to promote digital literacy in rural India. Under the scheme, 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country as on March 31, 2024 as against the target of 6 crore. The scheme has ended.

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the 'Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey' (CAMS) in its 79th round (July, 2022 to June, 2023) and the data in their report indicated a significant positive trend in digital literacy across both rural and urban areas through digital engagements viz, internet penetration, smart-phone usage.

In the state of Tripura, a total of 82,301 Scheduled Tribe candidates were enrolled and 65,174 candidates were trained under the PMGDISHA Scheme.
