

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4313**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 18.03.2026

**CANDIDATES TRAINED UNDER PMGDISHA**

**4313. DR. SHARMILA SARKAR:**

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

- (a) the details of total number of candidates trained under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) since scheme inception, year-wise;
- (b) the details of total number of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and women registered under PMGDISHA since scheme inception, year-wise data; and
- (c) the total number of candidates belonging to SC/ST, OBCs and women trained under PMGDISHA since scheme inception, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize technology and empower citizens, the Government of India had launched the Digital India programme in July, 2015.

The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was initiated to provide digital literacy to 6 crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide. Key highlights of the Scheme were:

- 4.39 Lakh Common Service Centres helped in spreading the digital literacy across 2.52 Lakh Gram Panchayats in the country
- Beneficiaries were trained to operate computers/digital access devices (like tablets, smartphones, etc.), send and receive emails, browse internet, access Government Services, search for information, undertake cashless transactions, etc.
- 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country.

The Scheme concluded on 31.03.2024.

The year-wise details of candidates trained under the scheme is given at **Annexure-I**.

The year-wise details of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and women registered and trained under the Scheme is given at **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I**

**Year-wise training details under PMGDISHA**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Registered Candidates</b>	<b>Trained Candidates</b>
2016-17	1,99,224	1,42,087
2017-18	1,13,02,007	84,14,860
2018-19	97,92,341	85,42,173
2019-20	1,42,85,919	1,28,25,128
2020-21	1,08,78,397	96,95,717
2021-22	1,11,13,212	97,87,886
2022-23	1,01,45,209	92,12,931
2023-24	58,55,656	53,20,936
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,35,71,965</b>	<b>6,39,41,718</b>

**Annexure-II**

**Year-wise training details of SC,ST, OBC & Women under PMGDISHA**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Other Backward Classes (OBCs)</b>		<b>Women</b>		<b>Scheduled Tribes (ST)</b>		<b>Scheduled Castes (SC)</b>	
	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Trained</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Trained</b>
2016 -17	88,619	63,738	83,345	61,052	21,533	14,428	35,793	25,804
2017-18	49,14,793	36,88,740	54,21,751	41,60,624	9,69,506	6,99,876	22,30,944	16,69,102
2018-19	40,16,836	35,34,207	52,97,544	46,65,271	9,95,815	8,59,641	18,50,042	16,26,152
2019-20	53,88,999	48,24,421	77,82,273	70,82,166	13,46,620	11,98,666	30,84,354	28,35,202

2020-21	46,29,081	41,74,170	57,21,882	51,92,596	9,54,218	8,38,985	20,09,349	18,00,267
2021-22	44,27,544	39,50,785	63,25,027	56,61,155	9,66,727	8,36,997	19,23,694	17,00,983
2022-23	40,22,542	36,91,369	63,15,057	57,93,680	8,16,466	7,36,549	16,48,457	14,98,821
2023-24	20,85,680	19,14,234	40,33,891	36,73,582	5,26,977	4,85,450	7,79,351	7,05,589

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