

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MeitY)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4086**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.04.2017

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN**

**4086. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:**

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ‘Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan’ is world’s largest rural digital literacy programme, the details of its outreach to the masses and target-population, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the human resource and technical assistance required for implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) the State/UT-wise budget allocated for the programme and the deadline to achieve its goals?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): The “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” aims at ushering in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households(one person per household) by 31.03.2019. To ensure equitable geographical reach, each of the approximately 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats would be expected to register an average of 200-300 candidates. Digitally literate persons would be able to operate computers/digital access devices (like tablets, smart phones, etc.), send and receive emails, browse internet, access Government Services, search for information, undertake cashless transactions, etc. and hence use IT to actively participate in the process of nation building. Actual target for the Gram Panchayat would be decided by the District e-Governance Society (DeGS) chaired by the District Magistrate, keeping in view the size of district, population, local requirements, etc.

Indicative targets of the States/UTs based on availability of average number of rural households and tentative state-wise funds requirement based on the expenses towards training fee, certification/assessment fee and programme management are at **Annexure**. The panchayats which are part of urban agglomerations shall be excluded from the Scheme.

The PMGDISHA scheme will be implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC-SPV) incorporated under the Companies Act 1956, under the

overall supervision of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations. A Programme Management Unit would be set up by CSC-SPV with appropriate resources (including technical manpower) at central as well as state level for smooth implementation of the Scheme.

The targets under the Scheme are expected to be achieved by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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## Annexure

## Indicative State/UT-wise targets and funds requirement under PMGDISHA Scheme

S. No.	States/UTs	Indicative Targets	Indicative fund requirement (Rs. in crore)
1	Uttar Pradesh	1,11,71,000	437.79
2	Bihar	66,30,000	259.83
3	West Bengal	44,81,000	175.61
4	Maharashtra	44,33,000	173.73
5	Madhya Pradesh	37,84,000	148.29
6	Rajasthan	37,12,000	145.47
7	Karnataka	27,05,000	106.01
8	Tamil Nadu	26,79,000	104.99
9	Orissa	25,17,000	98.64
10	Gujarat	24,97,000	97.86
11	Andhra Pradesh	20,28,000	79.48
12	Telangana	20,28,000	79.48
13	Assam	19,29,000	75.6
14	Jharkhand	18,03,000	70.66
15	Chhattisgarh	14,12,000	55.33
16	Kerala	12,57,000	49.26
17	Punjab	12,47,000	48.87
18	Haryana	11,91,000	46.67
19	Jammu & Kashmir	6,58,000	25.79
20	Uttarakhand	5,06,000	19.83
21	Himachal Pradesh	4,44,000	17.39
22	Tripura	1,95,000	7.64
23	Meghalaya	1,71,000	6.7
24	Manipur	1,37,000	5.37
25	Nagaland	1,01,000	3.96
26	Arunachal Pradesh	77,000	3.02
27	Goa	40,000	1.57
28	Mizoram	38,000	1.49
29	Sikkim	33,000	1.29
30	NCT of Delhi	30,000	1.17
31	Puducherry	28,000	1.1
32	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	18,000	0.71
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13,000	0.51
34	Daman & Diu	4,000	0.15
35	Chandigarh	2,000	0.08
36	Lakshadweep	1,000	0.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,00,00,000</b>	<b>Rs. 2,351.38</b>

**Note: Targets and funds requirement per State/UT may vary depending upon performance**  
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