

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1157**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 28.11.2019

**LAUNCH OF DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION**

**1157. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:**

- (a) whether Government has launched Digital Literacy Mission for millions of rural Indians with a view to make people digitally literate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of institutes/labs functioning in the country as on date, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any survey has been conducted to be shared with companies investing in startup projects to propagate digital literacy and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) and (b): The Government has launched a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan” (PMGDISHA) in February, 2017 for ushering in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 Crore rural households (one person per household) at a total outlay of Rs. 2,351.38 Crore (approx.). It is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV), with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations, District e-Governance Society (DeGS), etc. Besides digital literacy, the Scheme also focuses on training the beneficiaries on use of Electronic Payment System.

Under the Scheme, as on 25.11.2019, more than 2.98 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled, 2.34 crore have been trained out of which 1.72 crore have been certified by duly authorized 3<sup>rd</sup> party Certifying Agencies. The state-wise training targets and achievements of the Scheme is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(c): The State-wise details of the training centres affiliated with CSC-SPV under the PMGDISHA scheme is at **Annexure-II**.

(d): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has published the 71st Round Survey Report titled ‘Social Consumption - Education Survey 2014’, which inter-alia covered IT Literacy. As per this report, the proportion of households in the Country having computer was around 14% (only 6% of rural households and 29% of urban households possessed computer). Among people in the age group of 14-29 years in rural India, only 18% were able to operate a computer. Similarly, in the age group of 30-45 years, the percentage dropped further to 4%. In the age group of 46-60 years, the percentage was just more than 1%. This highlighted that more than 15 crore rural households (@ 94% of 16.85 crore households) did not have computers and a significant number of these households were likely to be digitally illiterate.

The above findings from the 71st NSSO survey were taken into account while formulating the PMGDISHA scheme. The findings of NSSO survey and the state-wise targets of PMGDISHA Scheme is available in public domain for any company planning to invest in start-up projects to propagate digital literacy.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Annexure-I

### The State-wise training targets and achievements made under the PMGDISHA Scheme as on 25.11.2019.

Sl. No.	State Name	Training Target	Achievement (no. of beneficiaries)		
			Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Uttar Pradesh	1,11,71,000	71,52,713	57,58,248	42,09,813
2	Bihar	66,30,000	26,39,489	20,62,503	14,83,116
3	Madhya Pradesh	37,84,000	21,96,336	17,62,166	12,42,154
4	Odisha	25,17,000	17,75,995	13,73,422	10,35,836
5	Chhattisgarh	14,12,000	17,07,431	13,85,084	10,42,311
6	Assam	19,29,000	16,61,041	13,26,279	10,22,919
7	Maharashtra	44,33,000	16,42,282	12,38,546	8,98,541
8	Rajasthan	37,12,000	16,14,871	12,55,802	9,34,981
9	Jharkhand	18,03,000	15,15,177	11,42,571	8,24,912
10	Gujarat	24,97,000	14,30,021	11,77,648	8,49,582
11	Haryana	11,91,000	13,18,896	10,83,466	8,08,715
12	West Bengal	44,81,000	9,34,586	6,47,340	4,89,784
13	Punjab	12,47,000	8,68,128	7,32,439	5,63,964
14	Andhra Pradesh	20,28,000	6,65,141	4,61,079	3,28,681
15	Tamil Nadu	26,79,000	6,24,336	5,04,120	3,58,761
16	Karnataka	27,05,000	6,12,749	4,71,702	3,17,106
17	Telangana	20,28,000	4,48,255	3,51,261	2,51,990
18	Uttarakhand	5,06,000	3,39,294	2,67,506	2,03,881
19	Jammu And Kashmir	6,58,000	2,95,174	2,25,609	1,68,461
20	Himachal Pradesh	4,44,000	1,69,063	1,10,004	81,177
21	Tripura	1,95,000	96,369	61,760	47,054
22	Meghalaya	1,71,000	69,221	47,783	30,701
23	Kerala	12,57,000	32,087	14,862	11,871
24	Puducherry	28,000	10,694	7,306	5,077
25	Manipur	1,37,000	8,679	4,660	2,871
26	Mizoram	38,000	7,017	4,955	2,858
27	Nagaland	1,01,000	4,575	3,254	2,399
28	Arunachal Pradesh	77,000	2,969	970	672
29	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	13,000	864	299	237

30	Daman And Diu	4,000	646	447	307
31	Sikkim	33,000	288	99	73
32	Goa	40,000	266	118	79
33	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	18,000	227	58	18
34	Lakshadweep	1,000	19	0	0
35	Delhi	30,000	2	2	0
36	Chandigarh	2,000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,00,00,000</b>	<b>2,98,44,901</b>	<b>2,34,83,368</b>	<b>1,72,20,902</b>

## Annexure-II

### Details of State-wise training centers affiliated with CSC-SPV under the PMGDISHA Schemes:

Sl. No.	State Name	Training Centre
1	Uttar Pradesh	46,239
2	Bihar	31,827
3	Maharashtra	21,534
4	Madhya Pradesh	14,989
5	Rajasthan	13,695
6	Assam	11,586
7	Odisha	10,542
8	Chhattisgarh	10,440
9	Gujarat	9,913
10	Andhra Pradesh	9,670
11	Jharkhand	8,803
12	Haryana	8,739
13	Punjab	7,611
14	West Bengal	6,504
15	Tamil Nadu	6,340
16	Karnataka	5,240
17	Uttarakhand	3,633
18	Telangana	3,442
19	Himachal Pradesh	2,462
20	Jammu And Kashmir	2,334
21	Kerala	1,188
22	Meghalaya	958
23	Tripura	737
24	Arunachal Pradesh	263
25	Manipur	222
26	Puducherry	187
27	Mizoram	138
28	Nagaland	115
29	Chandigarh	104
30	Delhi	61

31	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	51
32	Goa	39
33	Sikkim	25
34	Dadra And Nagar Haveli	14
35	Daman And Diu	10
36	Lakshadweep	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,39,657</b>

