

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MeitY)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4108
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.04.2017

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN

4108. SHRI N.GOKULAKRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether Government has recently launched Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the aims and objectives of the mission and the funds being allocated under this Abhiyan in the present financial year to each State, particularly Puducherry?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Government has approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” to usher 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.

The total outlay of the above Scheme is Rs. 2,351.38 Crore (approx.). It will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations. The funds allocation for the Scheme for FY 2017-18 are expected in the Supplementary Grants and the state/UT-wise allocations would be made accordingly.
