

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1372**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.12.2018

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN  
(PMGDISHA)**

**1372. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:**

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

- (a) the number of rural villages which have registered under the "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan" (PMGDISHA) to usher in digital literacy in rural areas, along with the details thereof;
- (b) the basic definition of "Digital Literacy" in this programme;
- (c) the target population of this Abhiyan;
- (d) whether this Abhiyan has any fund allocated to improve the basic computer infrastructure in villages, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which Government plans to accomplish the digital literacy mission through PMGDISHA when a significant number of people in the country are illiterate, as per the last Census?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): So far, total number of 2,03,476 rural villages are covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) Scheme. The State-wise detail is at **Annexure**.

(b): Under PMGDISHA Scheme, Digital Literacy has been defined as the ability of individuals and communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situations. Any individual who can operate computer / laptop / tablet / smart phone and use other IT related tools is being considered as digitally literate.

(c), (d) and (e): The PMGDISHA Scheme is targeted to make six crore persons digitally literate in rural areas, covering around 40% of the rural population (one person per household) across States/UTs. No separate fund is allocated for setting up of basic computer infrastructure in the villages under the Scheme. The training under the Scheme is provided through Training Partners / Centres (including Common Service Centres) duly affiliated to CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, the implementing agency of the scheme. These Training Partners / Centres are mandated to have requisite infrastructure for imparting training under PMGDISHA.

To ensure equitable geographical coverage across the country, a Gram Panchayat centric approach is adopted with targets being assigned for each of the 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats. On an average a target of 200-300 beneficiaries per Gram Panchayat is envisaged. The content developed for digital literacy training is made available in multimedia format

(including audio/ video) in 22 scheduled languages of India apart from English. This facilitates the target population to grasp the content in their choice of language.

Under the scheme, a total of more than 1.65 crore candidates have been trained so far, out of which more than 88.41 lakh candidates have been duly certified.

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## Annexure

### State-wise count of number of villages covered under PMGDISHA

S. No.	State	No. of Covered Villages
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	16
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,345
3	Arunachal Pradesh	66
4	Assam	10,849
5	Bihar	20,762
6	Chhattisgarh	7,712
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1
8	Daman and Diu	5
9	Goa	4
10	Gujarat	6,108
11	Haryana	5,990
12	Himachal Pradesh	3,691
13	Jammu and Kashmir	2,002
14	Jharkhand	18,435
15	Karnataka	5,343
16	Kerala	428
17	Lakshadweep	2
18	Madhya Pradesh	10,982
19	Maharashtra	7,660
20	Manipur	195
21	Meghalaya	194
22	Mizoram	40
23	Nagaland	43
24	Odisha	23,745
25	Puducherry	105
26	Punjab	3,553
27	Rajasthan	18,788
28	Sikkim	9
29	Tamil Nadu	3,485
30	Telangana	2,160
31	Tripura	424
32	Uttar Pradesh	30,188
33	Uttarakhand	2,111
34	West Bengal	15,035
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,03,476</b>

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