

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1470
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.02.2021

NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION

1470. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the total number of persons who have been trained through the National Digital Literacy Mission since its launch and the target set by the Government in this regard;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on this scheme till date; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to extend the aforesaid scheme and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) had implemented two schemes to increase digital awareness in the country namely 'National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)' and 'Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA)' with a cumulative target of training 52.5 lakh persons covering one person per household during 2014 to 2016. Under these two schemes, a total of 53.67 lakh beneficiaries were trained.

Further, MeitY has initiated 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) in February 2017 at a total outlay of Rs. 2,351.38 crore(approx.). Under this Scheme, in order to ensure equitable geographical reach, it is envisaged to cover each of the 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats across the country.

So far, an amount of Rs. 1088 crore has been released for implementation of the PMGDISHA scheme. As on 4th February 2021, a total of 4.21 crore candidates have been enrolled under PMGDISHA, training has been imparted to 3.44 crore candidates and out of this more than 2.51 crore candidates have been certified.

The current scheme is being implemented in all States/ UTs of the country. The Government is focusing on increasing the outreach of the currently running scheme to cover all the Gram Panchayats of the Country to achieve the remaining targets under the scheme.
