

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1192
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RURAL-URBAN DIGITAL LITERACY

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of rural-urban digital literacy levels in the country;
- (b) the gender-wise details of digital literacy levels in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the country continues to have very low levels of overall rural digital literacy; and
- (d) the details of the schemes launched by Government to improve the digital literacy rate, especially in rural India, in the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Digital Literacy is becoming an important requirement during COVID and post COVID reality as digitisation of citizens, businesses and Government is accelerating. The National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducted a survey on Household Social Consumption: Education as part of the 75th round of National Sample Survey (NSS) from July 2017 to June 2018. As per the report, among people in the age group of 15-59 years, 12.6% in rural and 38% in urban areas are able to operate a computer and around 17% in rural and 44.7% in urban populations are able to use the internet. The state-wise details of rural-urban digital literacy levels is not available in the said report.

(b): and (c): As per the 75th round of National Sample Survey (NSS) report, the gender-wise details of digital literacy levels in the age groups mentioned below in rural and urban India are as under:

Age group of the Person	% Able to operate a Computer				% Able to use Internet			
	Rural		Urban		Rural		Urban	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
15-29 years	29.4	17.6	60.6	50.9	38.8	21.3	69.4	56.3
15-59 years	16.4	8.6	44.3	31.4	22.9	10.9	52.9	36

(d): In order to improve the digital literacy rate especially in rural India, the Government of India has approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)”

in 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households (one person per household).

As on 7th February, 2022, around 5.56 crore candidates have been enrolled and 4.69 crore candidates have been trained, out of which 3.48 crore candidates have been certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme. Out of these certified candidates, more than 1.92 crore candidates are female and around 1.55 crore candidates are male. The state/UT-wise achievements of PMGDISHA scheme are at **Annexure**.

Annexure

State/UT-wise achievements under PMGDISHA Scheme					
S.N.	State/UT	Targets	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl.	308	109	51	308
2	Andhra Pradesh	1337065	1023016	721550	1337065
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3419	1285	880	3419
4	Assam	2571326	2226868	1782194	2571326
5	Bihar	5860770	5071740	3702891	5860770
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	2499203	2154271	1629699	2499203
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2045	791	455	2045
9	Daman & Diu	1708	1007	638	1708
10	Delhi	2448	1692	1354	2448
11	Goa	5449	3545	2523	5449
12	Gujarat	2450559	2116247	1556443	2450559
13	Haryana	1743493	1467075	1104961	1743493
14	Himachal Pradesh	375078	275627	197149	375078
15	Jammu & Kashmir	493877	361081	263526	493877
16	Jharkhand	2148887	1707823	1241106	2148887
17	Karnataka	1039358	783451	510963	1039358
18	Kerala	50887	24567	19611	50887
19	Lakshadweep	102	35	0	102
20	Madhya Pradesh	4703166	4092800	3010332	4703166
21	Maharashtra	3792142	3081754	2219783	3792142
22	Manipur	10513	5905	3704	10513
23	Meghalaya	118188	82649	54833	118188
24	Mizoram	9816	6695	3953	9816
25	Nagaland	5641	4014	2874	5641
26	Odisha	2761834	2264335	1716060	2761834
27	Puducherry	14028	9732	6246	14028
28	Punjab	1504717	1284832	988770	1504717
29	Rajasthan	3030409	2518838	1836332	3030409

30	Sikkim	3642	1529	718	3642
31	Tamil Nadu	1090782	856026	612987	1090782
32	Telangana	751147	584500	406750	751147
33	Tripura	292313	224376	180709	292313
34	Uttarakhand	617269	509415	377001	617269
35	Uttar Pradesh	14399408	12580801	9471826	14399408
36	West Bengal	1932270	1556850	1209412	1932270
37	Ladakh	19318	15131	11213	19318
Total		6,00,00,000	5,56,42,585	4,69,00,412	3,48,49,497
