

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3916
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 18.03.2020

NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION

**3916. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK :**

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

- (a) whether almost twelve crore rural households out of seventeen crore in the country do not own a computer and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Tripura and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to connect all households under National Digital Literacy Mission; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent under National Digital Literacy Mission in Tripura and Maharashtra especially in Madha Parliamentary Constituency and the number of people connected under the aforesaid schemes during each of the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has published the 71st Round Survey Report titled 'Social Consumption - Education Survey 2014', which *inter-alia* covers IT Literacy. As per this report, the proportion of households in the Country having computer was found to be 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. The State/UT-wise details of households having computer (including Maharashtra and Tripura) is at **Annexure**.

(b): The steps taken by the Government to bridge the digital literacy divide in the country include the following:

- i. In the years 2014 to 2016, two Schemes entitled "National Digital Literacy Mission" (NDLM) and "Digital Saksharta Abhiyan" (DISHA) were implemented by the Government with a target to train 52.50 lakh candidates in digital literacy across the country including rural India. Under these two schemes, a total of 53.67 lakh beneficiaries were trained, out of which around 42% candidates were from rural India.
- ii. In February 2017, the Government of India 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). Special focus of the said Scheme is on training the beneficiaries on use of Electronic Payment System. So far, more than 3.54 crore candidates have been enrolled and around 2.88 crore have been trained, out of which more than 2.11 crore candidates have been certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme.

(c): The National Digital Literacy Mission is now closed. However, under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan" (PMGDISHA), approximately Rs. 48.26 crore and Rs. 2.11 crore have been allocated and spent in the States of Maharashtra and Tripura respectively.

In Madha Parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra, approximately Rs. 25.42 Lakh has been allocated and spent under the aforementioned scheme. The status of candidates registered, trained and certified during the last three years in Madha constituency of Maharashtra and in the state of Tripura is as under:

(i) **Madha constituency (Maharashtra) :**

FY	Registered	Trained	Certified
2017-18	5,029	4419	3828
2018-19	2,715	2449	2237
2019-till date	931	524	439

(ii) **State of Tripura :**

FY	Registered	Trained	Certified
2017-18	33,374	22,887	17,846
2018-19	33,428	25,628	17,792
2019-till date	33,433	21,614	18,403

Annexure

NSSO 71st Round Survey Report titled 'Social Consumption-Education Survey 2014'

Proportion (per 1000) of households having computer for each State/UT

Sl. No.	States/UT	Rural	Urban	Rural +Urban
1	Andhra Pradesh	25	232	91
2	Arunachal Pradesh	88	267	123
3	Assam	54	327	91
4	Bihar	23	207	42
5	Chhattisgarh	11	150	39
6	Delhi	296	342	341
7	Goa	464	529	503
8	Gujarat	71	311	175
9	Haryana	78	316	161
10	Himachal Pradesh	146	282	163
11	Jammu & Kashmir	67	255	109
12	Jharkhand	24	167	57
13	Karnataka	57	294	155
14	Kerala	257	379	313
15	Madhya Pradesh	32	256	91
16	Maharashtra	113	407	249
17	Manipur	60	184	102
18	Meghalaya	68	410	138
19	Mizoram	195	458	313
20	Nagaland	193	380	238
21	Odisha	21	207	55
22	Punjab	131	380	229
23	Rajasthan	86	301	144
24	Sikkim	193	470	262
25	Tamil Nadu	130	262	197
26	Telangana	30	224	103
27	Tripura	32	133	55
28	Uttar Pradesh	50	267	103
29	Uttarakhand	63	253	112
30	West Bengal	31	232	95
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	186	279	222
32	Chandigarh	320	486	479
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	80	464	297
34	Daman & Diu	180	217	213
35	Lakshadweep	422	334	351

36	Puducherry	174	322	269
	All-India	62	292	137
