

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. *41

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 01.12.2021

PMGDISHA

***41. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of rural households that have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA) out of the six crore rural households;
- (b) whether marginalised sections of the society including Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs), women, differently-abled persons, etc. have been enrolled and certified and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Standing Committee on Information Technology emphasised the need to scale up and also conduct quality impact assessments of PMGDISHA and other digital literacy programmes; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED
QUESTION NO *41 FOR 01.12.2021 REGARDING “PMGDISHA”**

(a): The State-wise details of numbers of rural households/beneficiaries that have been covered under the PMGDISHA Scheme are at **Annexure**.

(b): As stipulated in scheme guidelines, preference is given to marginalized sections of the society including Scheduled Castes (SC)/ Scheduled Tribes (ST), women, differently-abled persons. The category-wise status of these beneficiaries as on 24.11.2021, is given below:

Category	Enrolled	Trained	Certified
SC	1,03,97,563	89,22,690	67,88,527
ST	48,69,800	40,70,145	29,26,211
Women	2,80,38,385	2,42,22,349	1,85,71,710
Differently-abled	9,65,209	8,20,350	5,86,291

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. In line with the recommendations, the training under the PMGDISHA scheme was scaled up and as on date, a total of 5.36 Crore candidates have been enrolled under the PMGDISHA Scheme, out of this, 4.54 Crore candidates have been trained and 3.37 Crore candidates have been duly certified.

So far, three impact assessment studies of the Scheme have been carried out. First impact assessment study was carried out by Council for Social Development (CSD) in 2017-18.

The second impact assessment study was conducted by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Delhi in the year 2019. The last impact assessment study of the scheme was carried out by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in FY 2020-21. The aim of the study was to analyse the ground level situation of the scheme, with a larger aspect of continuation of the scheme beyond the 12th plan period. IIPA, after the comprehensive and methodological evaluation of scheme, concluded in the report that PMGDISHA as a digital literacy programme plays an indispensable part in not only bridging the digital gap in the country but also transforming it into a knowledge economy and society. IIPA recommended the continuation of PMGDISHA Scheme.

Annexure

State-wise Status of PMGDISHA scheme as on 24.11.2021

S.N.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	308	109	51
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,08,652	9,25,992	6,55,757
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,399	1,279	879
4	Assam	25,44,707	22,17,593	17,77,130
5	Bihar	57,13,248	50,05,225	36,52,652
6	Chandigarh*	-	-	-
7	Chhattisgarh	24,98,702	21,54,259	16,29,617
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1,644	730	446
9	Daman and Diu	1,451	713	446
10	Delhi*	2,016	1,362	898
11	Goa	4,622	3,167	2,310
12	Gujarat	23,81,934	20,66,529	15,17,712
13	Haryana	17,18,241	14,54,522	10,95,505
14	Himachal Pradesh	3,52,195	2,57,688	1,84,208
15	Jammu And Kashmir	4,51,184	3,39,307	2,49,198
16	Jharkhand	20,87,595	16,69,668	12,13,153
17	Karnataka	9,84,704	7,40,234	4,79,458
18	Kerala	50,042	24,388	19,500
19	Ladakh	17,179	13,279	9,415
20	Lakshadweep	93	35	-

21	Madhya Pradesh	45,27,611	39,30,382	28,81,367
22	Maharashtra	34,56,906	28,43,852	20,55,450
23	Manipur	10,239	5,858	3,691
24	Meghalaya	1,11,714	80,594	53,878
25	Mizoram	9,163	6,590	3,881
26	Nagaland	5,597	4,011	2,872
27	Odisha	27,10,255	22,28,217	16,90,468
28	Puducherry	13,583	9,639	6,135
29	Punjab	14,66,116	12,54,512	9,65,744
30	Rajasthan	28,54,559	23,47,639	17,10,816
31	Sikkim	3,551	1,521	717
32	Tamil Nadu	10,07,652	8,07,999	5,78,353
33	Telangana	7,19,040	5,59,271	3,91,725
34	Tripura	2,46,878	1,83,870	1,45,314
35	Uttarakhand	6,04,920	4,97,894	3,69,399
36	Uttar Pradesh	1,40,04,199	1,22,81,000	92,36,198
37	West Bengal	18,73,588	15,19,964	11,77,616
Total		5,36,47,487	4,54,38,892	3,37,61,959

***Chandigarh and Delhi are in Urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the Scheme.**
