

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LAK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 841**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.06.2019

**PMGDISHA**

**841. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

- (a) the total population made digitally literate under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) vis a vis target fixed for the purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including the State of Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
- (b) the reasons for slow pace of implementation of the said scheme; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for proper implementation of this scheme particularly in remote rural areas of the Country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan, as on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, more than 2.29 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled and 2.21 crore have been trained, out of which 1.33 crore are duly certified by duly authorized 3<sup>rd</sup> party Certifying Agencies. The state-wise/UT-wise targets and the number of candidates trained and certified under the scheme since FY 2017-18 are given at Annexure. It may be seen that as against a target of 44,33,000 candidates for Maharashtra, so far, 11,70,820 candidates have been trained, out of which 6,95,969 candidates have been duly certified. Similarly, as against a target of 18,03,000 candidates for Jharkhand, so far, 12,93,007 candidates have been trained, out of which 7,21,497 candidates have been duly certified.

(b): Some of the key reasons for the slow implementation of the scheme include low internet connectivity in remote rural/far-flung areas, poor awareness about benefits of digital literacy, difficulty in covering non-accessible and sparsely populated areas and other infrastructure related issues.

(c): Government has taken up several steps for proper implementation of the scheme particularly in remote rural areas of the country which include scaling up the awareness and promotional activities towards Digital literacy program and expand it multifold through campaigns, workshops, seminars, digital vans, etc. to cover various segments of the population in an all-inclusive manner. Efforts have been made to identify and register new Training centres in uncovered Gram Panchayats across the country. In order to address the low internet connectivity issues, Wifi-choupals have been established at remote locations. Rural schools have been engaged for training and examination of candidates in order to penetrate the rural populous districts of identified states.

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**Annexure**

**The State/UT-wise details of targets, number of candidates trained and certified year-wise under PMGDISHA Scheme:**

**(As on 21-06-2019)**

S. No.	State	Targets (no. of candidates)	Achievement Status (no. of candidates)					
			FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
			Trained	Certified	Trained	Certified	Trained	Certified
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	18000	0	0	225	18	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	2028000	218761	118893	301045	142034	12625	5951
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	77,000	381	70	1848	465	47	33
4	ASSAM	1929000	89788	12929	988724	640771	86177	110858
5	BIHAR	6630000	795999	409886	727427	494820	72532	60793
6	CHANDI-GARH	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	CHHATTIS-GARH	1412000	713563	358546	618543	459752	55909	41463
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	13000	1	0	672	124	13	108
9	DAMAN AND DIU	4000	0	0	464	246	43	43
10	DELHI	30000	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	GOA	40000	3	0	181	2	5	59
12	GUJARAT	2497000	756670	416867	397698	289883	22984	25169
13	HARYANA	1191000	678104	383619	393341	268983	56082	46406
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	444000	81968	32343	36393	21685	6761	5061
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	658000	140398	74203	96984	71505	20833	12029
16	JHARKHAND	18,03,000	968471	477010	293011	218031	31525	26456
17	KARNATAKA	27,05,000	314184	172607	167506	103146	6297	4973
18	KERALA	12,57,000	12406	4095	9638	4194	1280	876
19	LAKSHA-DWEEP	1000	0	0	6	0	0	0
20	MADHYA PRADESH	3784000	758857	364122	771886	513283	78380	71222
21	MAHA-RASHTRA	4433000	545138	283065	530508	357473	95174	55431
22	MANIPUR	137000	6126	1766	1755	910	300	50
23	MEGHALAYA	171000	507	3	42986	15386	8744	7735
24	MIZORAM	38000	4387	2254	834	212	67	29
25	NAGALAND	101000	1173	773	1459	633	474	260
26	ODISHA	2517000	772041	414710	456118	338211	43069	33677
27	PUDU-CHERRY	28000	6443	2661	3448	1977	243	51
28	PUNJAB	1247000	273886	161814	438969	314444	35043	25159
29	RAJASTHAN	3712000	721780	357402	491318	339133	55122	40581
30	SIKKIM	33000	0	0	39	3	2	0
31	TAMILNADU	2679000	350604	198848	171365	109509	9033	6265
32	TELANGANA	2028000	218540	116069	147465	98518	15308	9620
33	TRIPURA	195000	32612	17844	38196	17724	4239	2696
34	UTTARA-KHAND	5,06,000	162127	93431	95647	65474	12283	9775
35	UTTAR PRADESH	11171000	2473387	1231890	2322173	1628818	275449	220668
36	WEST BENGAL	4481000	317367	141971	198484	146421	28278	17530
<b>Total</b>		<b>60000000</b>	<b>11415672</b>	<b>5849691</b>	<b>9746356</b>	<b>6663788</b>	<b>1034321</b>	<b>841027</b>

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