

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MeitY)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2962**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.08.2017

**PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN**

**2962 SMT. VIPLOVE THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether Government has recently approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to usher in digital literacy in rural India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by when the scheme is likely to introduced in each district of the country; and
- (c) the funds allocated/released to States/Union Territories, including Himanchal Pradesh, for implementation of the scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): The Government has approved a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” in February, 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 Crore rural households (one person per household). The total outlay of the above Scheme is Rs. 2,351.38 Crores (approx.). The PMGDISHA is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV), with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations, District e-Governance Society (DeGS), etc. The indicative targets of the States/UTs based on availability of average number of rural households are as per details at **Annexure**.

To ensure equitable geographical coverage across the country, a Gram Panchayat centric approach is adopted with targets being assigned and monitored for each of the 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats. On an average a target of 200-300 beneficiaries per Gram Panchayat is envisaged. All the Panchayats in the country would be covered under the scheme except the Panchayats which are part of urban agglomerations.

(c): The tentative state-wise funds requirement for the States / Union Territories based on the expenses towards training fee, certification/assessment fee and programme management is included at **Annexure**.

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**Annexure**

**Indicative States/Union Territories including Himanchal Pradesh- targets and funds requirement under PMGDISHA Scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Indicative Targets</b>	<b>Indicative fund requirement (Rs. in crore)</b>
1	Uttar Pradesh	1,11,71,000	437.79
2	Bihar	66,30,000	259.83
3	West Bengal	44,81,000	175.61
4	Maharashtra	44,33,000	173.73
5	Madhya Pradesh	37,84,000	148.29
6	Rajasthan	37,12,000	145.47
7	Karnataka	27,05,000	106.01
8	Tamil Nadu	26,79,000	104.99
9	Orissa	25,17,000	98.64
10	Gujarat	24,97,000	97.86
11	Andhra Pradesh	20,28,000	79.48
12	Telangana	20,28,000	79.48
13	Assam	19,29,000	75.6
14	Jharkhand	18,03,000	70.66
15	Chhattisgarh	14,12,000	55.33
16	Kerala	12,57,000	49.26
17	Punjab	12,47,000	48.87
18	Haryana	11,91,000	46.67
19	Jammu & Kashmir	6,58,000	25.79
20	Uttarakhand	5,06,000	19.83
<b>21</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>4,44,000</b>	<b>17.39</b>
22	Tripura	1,95,000	7.64
23	Meghalaya	1,71,000	6.7
24	Manipur	1,37,000	5.37
25	Nagaland	1,01,000	3.96
26	Arunachal Pradesh	77,000	3.02
27	Goa	40,000	1.57
28	Mizoram	38,000	1.49
29	Sikkim	33,000	1.29
30	NCT of Delhi	30,000	1.17

31	Puducherry	28,000	1.1
32	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	18,000	0.71
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13,000	0.51
34	Daman & Diu	4,000	0.15
35	Chandigarh	2,000	0.08
36	Lakshadweep	1,000	0.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,00,00,000</b>	<b>Rs. 2,351.38</b>

**Note: Targets and funds requirement per State/UT may vary depending upon performance**

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