

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.*63
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 27.06.2019

DIGITAL LITERACY UNDER PMGDISHA

***63. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE:**

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

- (a) the total population made digitally literate under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Shaksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) vis-a-vis target fixed for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise, specially in Maharashtra:
- (b) the reasons for very slow pace of implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the scheme particularly in remote rural areas?

ANSWER

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

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*63
FOR 27.06.2019 REGARDING DIGITAL LITERACY UNDER PMGDISHA**

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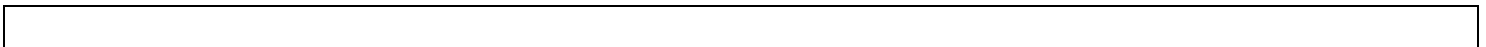
(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), as on 24th June 2019, more than 2.30 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled and around 2.22 crore have been trained, out of which more than 1.34 crore have been duly certified by duly authorized 3rd party Certifying Agencies. The State-wise/UT-wise targets set under the scheme and the year-wise since FY 2017-18 regarding number of beneficiaries trained and certified are given at **Annexure**. As against a target of 44.33 lakh beneficiaries to be covered for the state of Maharashtra, 9.4 lakh rural citizens have been trained so far, out of which 7 lakh have been duly certified.

(b): Some of the challenges faced in implementation of the scheme include:

- Low internet connectivity in some of the very remote rural areas
- Need for greater awareness about benefits of digital literacy
- Difficulty in covering non-accessible and sparsely populated areas
- 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.
- 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.



S. No.	State	Targets (no. of beneficiaries)	Achievement Status (no. of beneficiaries)					
			FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
			Trained	Certified	Trained	Certified	Trained	Certified
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	20,28,000	2,18,761	1,18,893	3,01,045	1,42,034	12,625	6,504
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	77,000	381	70	1,848	465	47	33
3	ASSAM	19,29,000	89,788	12,929	9,88,724	6,40,771	86,177	1,12,574
4	BIHAR	66,30,000	7,95,999	4,09,886	7,57,427	4,94,820	72,532	64,573
5	CHHATTISGARH	14,12,000	7,13,563	3,58,546	6,18,543	4,59,752	55,909	44,484
6	GOA	40,000	3	-	181	2	5	59
7	GUJARAT	24,97,000	7,56,670	4,16,867	3,97,698	2,89,883	22,984	27,385
8	HARYANA	11,91,000	6,78,104	3,83,619	3,93,341	2,68,983	56,082	49,246
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4,44,000	81,968	32,343	36,393	21,685	6,761	5,218
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	6,58,000	1,40,398	74,203	96,984	71,505	20,833	12,937
11	JHARKHAND	18,03,000	9,68,471	4,77,010	2,93,011	2,18,031	31,525	29,047
12	KARNATAKA	27,05,000	3,14,184	1,72,607	1,67,506	1,03,146	6,297	5,289
13	KERALA	12,57,000	12,406	4,095	9,638	4,194	1,280	900
14	MADHYA PRADESH	37,84,000	7,58,857	3,64,122	7,71,886	5,13,283	78,380	75,653
15	MAHARASHTRA	44,33,000	4,22,138	2,83,065	4,28,508	3,57,473	90,174	59,525
16	MANIPUR	1,37,000	6,126	1,766	1,755	910	300	59
17	MEGHALAYA	1,71,000	507	3	42,986	15,386	8,744	7,909
18	MIZORAM	38,000	4,387	2,254	834	212	67	29
19	NAGALAND	1,01,000	1,173	773	1,459	633	474	261
20	ODISHA	25,17,000	7,72,041	4,14,710	5,56,118	3,38,211	43,069	36,809
21	PUNJAB	12,47,000	2,73,886	1,61,814	4,38,969	3,14,444	35,043	26,968
22	RAJASTHAN	37,12,000	7,21,780	3,57,402	4,91,318	3,39,133	55,122	42,880
23	SIKKIM	33,000	-	-	39	3	2	0
24	TAMILNADU	26,79,000	3,50,604	1,98,848	1,71,365	1,09,509	9,033	7,067
25	TELANGANA	20,28,000	2,18,540	1,16,069	1,47,465	98,518	15,308	10,412
26	TRIPURA	1,95,000	32,612	17,844	38,196	17,724	4,239	2,918
27	UTTARAKHAND	5,06,000	1,62,127	93,431	95,647	65,474	12,283	10,563
28	UTTAR PRADESH	1,11,71,000	24,73,387	12,31,890	24,22,173	16,28,818	2,75,449	2,35,312
29	WEST BENGAL	44,81,000	3,17,367	1,41,971	1,98,484	1,46,421	28,278	18,637
30	UNION TERRITORIES	96,000	6,444	2,661	4,815	2,365	299	202
Total		6,00,00,000	1,12,92,672	58,49,691	98,74,356	66,63,788	10,29,321	8,93,453
