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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON: 22.03.2023

PMGDISHA

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

- (a) the details of the villages covered under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA);
- (b) the details of citizens registered under PMGDISHA and the number of the citizens who got certificates under PMGDISHA, gender-wise;
- (c) the total amount released by the Government for PMGDISHA during each of the last three years and the current year including the actual amount spent thereon;
- (d) the measures taken to ensure the quality of training under PMGDISHA;
- (e) whether any impact evaluations have been conducted on the scheme; and
- (f) the details of other such measures being taken to improve digital literacy rates in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): India over the last 7 years has become a prominent nation in deploying technologies for the benefit and transforming the lives of its citizens. Keeping this in view, the Government is focusing on providing digital literacy to citizens across the country, especially in rural areas. In line with this, the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was approved in February 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India with a target to cover 6 crore rural households (one person per household). To ensure equitable geographical coverage across the country, a Gram Panchayat centric approach has been adopted under the scheme. Hence, the targets are assigned and monitored for each of the Gram Panchayats in the country and not at village level. Under the scheme, more than 4.29 lakh training centers are currently operational at the Gram Panchayat level, details at **Annexure-I**.

(b): As of now, under the PMGDISHA Scheme, around 6.80 crore candidates have been enrolled and 5.84 crore have been trained, out of which 4.34 crore candidates have been certified. Out of the total certification around 57% of beneficiaries are female and around 43% of beneficiaries are male. The gender-wise details of registered and certified citizens under the scheme is at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Total funds allocated and spent on Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) Scheme, during each of the last three years and the current financial year (i.e. 2022-23) is as below:

S. No.	Year	Funds allocated (INR)	Funds released/spent (INR)
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1	2019-20	400 Cr	400 Cr
2	2020-21	250 Cr	250 Cr
3	2021-22	300 Cr	300 Cr
4	2022-23	250 Cr	250 Cr

(d): The measures taken to ensure the quality of training under PMGDISHA scheme are as under:

- The scheme implementation is continuously reviewed through central as well as state teams of the implementing agency under the overall supervision of the Ministry.
- Standardized multimedia content in 22 Languages has been made available and accessible in multimodal format for all candidates.
- Only those who possess prescribed educational qualifications are engaged as Trainers.
- Requisite/prescribed IT infrastructure is ensured at the Training Centres.
- The training centres are monitored, trained and re-trained for maintaining quality.

(e): The PMGDISHA scheme has been assessed by three agencies till date namely IIT Delhi, Council for Social Development (CSD) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The last Impact Assessment study of the PMGDISHA scheme has been conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

(f): In addition to PMGDISHA Scheme, National Institute of Electronics & information Technology (NIELIT), a skill development agency of MeitY, is also conducting training in various digital literacy courses of different durations through its 47 centres and 4178 facilitation centres. In the last 10 years, more than 75 lakh candidates have been trained/assessed in such courses.

Annexure-I**State/UT-wise Operational Training Centres at Gram Panchayat level under PMGDISHA Scheme (as on 16.03.2023)**

S.No.	State Name	No. of Training Centres
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	113
2	Andhra Pradesh	18,174
3	Arunachal Pradesh	289
4	Assam	13,865
5	Bihar	36,056
6	Chandigarh	101
7	Chhattisgarh	14,118
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	54
9	Daman and Diu	35
10	Delhi	81
11	Goa	352
12	Gujarat	18,911
13	Haryana	11,115
14	Himachal Pradesh	4,713
15	Jammu and Kashmir	5,163
16	Jharkhand	10,883
17	Karnataka	16,830
18	Kerala	2,223
19	Ladakh	219
20	Lakshadweep	5
21	Madhya Pradesh	33,934
22	Maharashtra	53,042
23	Manipur	425
24	Meghalaya	1,868
25	Mizoram	463
26	Nagaland	279
27	Odisha	13,211
28	Puducherry	231
29	Punjab	17,405
30	Rajasthan	20,871
31	Sikkim	137
32	Tamil Nadu	16,262
33	Telangana	9,323
34	Tripura	1,413
35	Uttar Pradesh	87,558
36	Uttarakhand	10,704
37	West Bengal	8,924
	Total	4,29,350

Annexure-II

The gender-wise status of registered and certified citizens under the scheme is given below:

Sl. No	State	Female		Male		Transgender	
		Registered	Certified	Registered	Certified	Registered	Certified
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2,309	768	2,467	660	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	14,34,714	8,69,317	5,08,031	2,50,761	41	27
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,948	1,966	3,519	1,481	0	0
4	Assam	13,70,498	9,55,418	13,12,920	8,94,545	500	355
5	Bihar	43,48,860	30,31,897	31,34,268	18,36,204	12	7
6	Chhattisgarh	13,39,029	9,05,417	11,86,035	7,34,817	2	2
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4,174	2,479	3,856	1,712	0	0
8	Daman and Diu	2,213	1,511	1,826	964	0	0
9	Delhi	4,893	2,899	5,028	2,890	0	0
10	Goa	33,847	23,975	23,791	14,222	0	0
11	Gujarat	13,21,198	8,91,704	14,93,864	9,24,588	8	2
12	Haryana	8,91,090	6,04,786	9,79,036	5,96,861	3	2
13	Himachal Pradesh	2,70,638	1,61,207	2,42,848	1,24,736	1	1
14	Jammu and Kashmir	3,59,668	2,19,149	3,72,425	1,95,311	1	1
15	Jharkhand	15,08,435	9,65,088	10,49,753	5,68,734	8	5
16	Karnataka	8,75,230	3,79,419	7,03,118	3,09,988	11	4
17	Kerala	52,934	17,733	18,401	5,647	1	1
18	Ladakh	6,151	3,311	18,567	14,045	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	75	0	61	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	26,94,184	18,54,904	29,27,838	18,48,776	16	7
21	Maharashtra	29,23,105	18,98,962	27,66,919	16,26,705	37	22
22	Manipur	13,480	5,683	11,008	4,085	2	0
23	Meghalaya	75,431	34,470	70,973	33,409	15	5
24	Mizoram	15,118	7,365	12,270	5,379	2	2
25	Nagaland	3,571	1,637	3,608	1,603	0	0
26	Odisha	18,98,874	12,77,610	14,57,518	8,36,862	59	36
27	Puducherry	10,886	5,412	7,654	3,280	2	1
28	Punjab	9,11,894	6,33,676	8,11,127	5,07,668	18	14
29	Rajasthan	19,75,884	13,34,637	20,12,854	11,97,982	11	5
30	Sikkim	14,557	9,947	10,154	5,748	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	10,38,446	6,53,144	4,53,458	2,24,279	159	40
32	Telangana	6,68,453	3,85,452	4,98,473	2,56,921	15	7
33	Tripura	1,74,647	1,21,201	1,50,344	94,480	9	7
34	Uttar Pradesh	85,38,511	60,93,707	76,75,686	48,28,277	32	22
35	Uttarakhand	4,14,959	2,79,065	3,72,038	2,20,340	3	2
36	West Bengal	15,85,394	10,78,190	9,72,815	5,77,152	31	21
	Total	3,67,87,298	2,47,13,106	3,12,74,551	1,87,51,112	999	598
