

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2083
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.07.2019

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN

2083. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently launched the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the aims and objectives of the mission and the funds being allocated under this abhiyan to each State in the current financial year, particularly to the State of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. 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) in the age group of 14-60 years at a total outlay of Rs. 2,351.38 Crore (approx.). The approved duration of the Scheme is up to March 2020.

The Scheme is aimed to empowering the citizens by providing them access to information, knowledge and skills for operating computers/ digital access devices. As the thrust of the Government is on cashless transactions, the course content includes Digital Wallets, Mobile Banking, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) and Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), etc. Each beneficiary is provided with digital literacy training of 20 Hours duration covering 5 modules. To ensure equitable geographical reach, the Scheme envisages to register an average of 200-300 candidates in each of the 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats in the country.

The above Scheme is implemented through an implementing agency namely CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV), with active collaboration of all the State Governments and UT Administrations. So far, an amount of Rs. 613 crore has been released by the Government of India for implementation of the Scheme to the implementing agency i.e. CSC-SPV. A total of around 2.31 crore candidates have been registered so far under the Scheme. A total of 2.22 crore candidates have been trained, out of which more than 1.35 crore candidates have been duly certified.

As the above Scheme is funded as a Central Sector Scheme, hence, funds are not allocated to States and UTs. The State/UT-wise (including Andhra Pradesh) details of indicative budget

requirements based on targets for certified candidates; and the achievements so far in terms of number of candidates registered, trained and certified is at Annexure.

Annexure

The State/UT-wise details of indicative budget requirements based on targets and achievements so far under PMGDISHA Scheme:

| S.No. | State | Targets (no. of candidates) | Indicative budget requirement (Rs. in Crore) | Achievement Status (no. of candidates) | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---------|-----------|
| | | | | Registered | Trained | Certified |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS | 18000 | 0.71 | 225 | 225 | 18 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 2028000 | 79.48 | 543200 | 532678 | 269737 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 77000 | 3.02 | 2439 | 2276 | 570 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 1929000 | 75.6 | 1237388 | 1164689 | 774129 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 6630000 | 259.83 | 1662083 | 1625958 | 978565 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 2000 | 0.08 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 1412000 | 55.33 | 1419922 | 1389012 | 869469 |
| 8 | DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI | 13000 | 0.51 | 773 | 322 | 232 |
| 9 | DAMAN AND DIU | 4000 | 0.15 | 529 | 587 | 292 |
| 10 | DELHI | 30000 | 1.17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | GOA | 40000 | 1.57 | 200 | 189 | 65 |
| 12 | GUJARAT | 2497000 | 97.86 | 1204101 | 1177435 | 736877 |
| 13 | HARYANA | 1191000 | 46.67 | 1157918 | 1127643 | 706672 |
| 14 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 444000 | 17.39 | 129314 | 125128 | 59638 |
| 15 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 658000 | 25.79 | 278310 | 258222 | 160447 |
| 16 | JHARKHAND | 1803000 | 70.66 | 1325331 | 1293113 | 727897 |
| 17 | KARNATAKA | 2705000 | 106.01 | 494884 | 488743 | 281354 |
| 18 | KERALA | 1257000 | 49.26 | 24602 | 23346 | 9246 |
| 19 | LAKSHADWEEP | 1000 | 0.04 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| 20 | MADHYA PRADESH | 3784000 | 148.29 | 1678411 | 1613248 | 960931 |
| 21 | MAHARASHTRA | 4433000 | 173.73 | 1245138 | 941934 | 706290 |
| 22 | MANIPUR | 137000 | 5.37 | 8352 | 8193 | 2747 |
| 23 | MEGHALAYA | 171000 | 6.7 | 57149 | 52256 | 23823 |
| 24 | MIZORAM | 38000 | 1.49 | 5302 | 5294 | 2497 |
| 25 | NAGALAND | 101000 | 3.96 | 3362 | 3123 | 1714 |
| 26 | ODISHA | 2517000 | 98.64 | 1356466 | 1373114 | 795815 |
| 27 | PUDUCHERRY | 28000 | 1.1 | 10217 | 10398 | 4713 |
| 28 | PUNJAB | 1247000 | 48.87 | 769188 | 748993 | 507203 |
| 29 | RAJASTHAN | 3712000 | 145.47 | 1305654 | 1271223 | 747200 |
| 30 | SIKKIM | 33000 | 1.29 | 47 | 41 | 3 |
| 31 | TAMIL NADU | 2679000 | 104.99 | 543517 | 532114 | 316313 |
| 32 | TELANGANA | 2028000 | 79.48 | 394762 | 383663 | 226347 |

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|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 33 | TRIPURA | 195000 | 7.64 | 79658 | 75088 | 39030 |
| 34 | UTTARAKHAND | 506000 | 19.83 | 280638 | 270956 | 170632 |
| 35 | UTTAR PRADESH | 11171000 | 437.79 | 5379227 | 5176145 | 3129752 |
| 36 | WEST BENGAL | 4481000 | 175.61 | 572035 | 545223 | 310065 |
| Total | | 60000000 | Rs. 2,351.38 | 2,31,70,348 | 2,22,20,576 | 1,35,20,283 |
