

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2370
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 16.03.2022

DIGITAL LITERACY STATUS

**2370. SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

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

- (a) the State-wise status of the implementation of Digital Literacy Mission;
- (b) whether the target of making people digitally literate in rural areas of the States/Union Territories has been achieved; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the coverage of digital literacy schemes especially in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any response on the reasons for the low enthusiasm among the people to participate in digital literacy programs and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Skill development and creating skilled talent is an important mission to ensure that the growing digital economy of India is provided with the trained and skilled manpower that Industry requires. To further aid digital adoption, the Ministry has focused on digital literacy for citizens since 2014, across the country including in rural areas. In the years 2014 to 2016, two Schemes titled “National Digital Literacy Mission” (NDLM) and “Digital Saksharta Abhiyan” (DISHA) were implemented by the Government with a target to train 52.50 lakh candidates in digital literacy across the country. Under these two schemes, a total of 53.67 lakh beneficiaries were certified.

Subsequently, a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” was approved by Union Cabinet in 2017 to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households (one person per household). So far, a total of around 5.71 crore candidates have been enrolled and 4.82 crore have been trained, out of which around 3.57 crore candidates have been certified under this scheme. The State-wise achievement under the Scheme may be seen at **Annexure**.

The Government has taken up several steps for scaling up the coverage of digital literacy schemes across the country including the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, which include the following:

- Scaling up the awareness and promotional activities towards Digital literacy program and expand it multifold through campaigns, workshops, seminars etc. So far, 10 virtual workshops have been conducted in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu.

- Efforts have been made to identify and register new Training centres in all uncovered Gram Panchayats across the country.
- In order to address the low internet connectivity issues, Wifi-choupals have been established at remote locations. In the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, 48 Wifi-choupals have been established.

(d): These Schemes have seen tremendous response for enrolment from the beneficiaries wherever they are implemented.

Annexure

States/Union Territories-wise targets and achievements under PMGDISHA Scheme				
S.N.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl.	333	122	56
2	Andhra Pradesh	14,00,493	10,82,861	7,59,911
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,504	1,285	880
4	Assam	26,09,441	22,56,175	18,02,059
5	Bihar	60,95,906	52,59,760	38,18,455
6	Chandigarh*	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	25,04,227	21,55,181	16,29,755
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,185	842	484
9	Daman & Diu	1,733	1,042	653
10	Delhi*	2,595	1,934	1,532
11	Goa	8,267	5,073	3,311
12	Gujarat	24,97,677	21,59,568	15,83,917
13	Haryana	17,80,694	14,94,252	11,22,575
14	Himachal Pradesh	3,87,763	2,84,790	2,04,133
15	Jammu & Kashmir	5,21,693	3,83,367	2,77,190
16	Jharkhand	22,08,674	17,53,408	12,70,789
17	Karnataka	10,57,022	8,01,987	5,21,764
18	Kerala	51,755	24,871	19,776
19	Ladakh	23,359	19,289	14,163
20	Lakshadweep	109	35	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	48,31,469	41,99,364	30,84,836
22	Maharashtra	39,47,006	32,27,262	23,11,170
23	Manipur	10,889	6,028	3,782
24	Meghalaya	1,23,689	85,211	56,354
25	Mizoram	10,919	7,333	4,178
26	Nagaland	5,741	4,085	2,902
27	Odisha	28,23,961	23,01,267	17,37,562

28	Puducherry	14,770	10,038	6,493
29	Punjab	15,29,817	13,04,207	10,02,220
30	Rajasthan	31,37,023	26,06,429	18,95,933
31	Sikkim	4,058	1,548	724
32	Tamil Nadu	11,33,371	8,87,642	6,34,791
33	Telangana	7,78,509	6,00,895	4,13,832
34	Tripura	3,16,201	2,45,479	1,96,927
35	Uttarakhand	6,28,606	5,19,695	3,84,089
36	Uttar Pradesh	1,46,93,478	1,28,90,850	96,88,547
37	West Bengal	20,48,960	16,28,773	12,51,395
Total		5,71,95,897	4,82,11,948	3,57,07,138

* Chandigarh and Delhi are in urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the scheme.
