

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1397
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2024

PMGDISHA

1397. SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:
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SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the participants trained and certified under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) during each of the last three years in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of rural families of backward/most backward classes/SC/ST covered under PMGDISHA in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (c) whether any plan has been formulated to take this campaign to every nook and corner of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government has undertaken any study on the on-ground functioning of PMGDISHA;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (h) the measures and standards taken to ensure the better quality of training under PMGDISHA;
- (i) whether any impact evaluations have been conducted on the above schemes; and
- (j) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (j): Government of India implemented a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” to usher in digital literacy in rural India (one person per household). As on 31st March 2024, around 7.35 crore candidates were enrolled and 6.39 crore were trained, out of which 4.78 crore candidates were certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme.

In the state of Maharashtra, more than 61.23 lakh candidates have been enrolled from the rural households, more than 53.23 lakh candidates have been trained and 38.53 lakh candidates have been duly certified. The achievements of the last three years in the state of Maharashtra are given below:

| Year | Registered | Trained | Certified |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2021-22 | 11,39,613 | 9,99,047 | 6,98,155 |
| 2022-23 | 16,57,956 | 15,10,186 | 11,45,536 |
| 2023-24 | 4,57,058 | 4,26,845 | 3,40,380 |

The district-wise details of rural families of backward/most backward classes/SC/ST covered under PMGDISHA in Maharashtra are given at **Annexure-I**.

The PMGDISHA scheme was assessed by three agencies namely IIT Delhi, Council for Social Development (CSD) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The last Impact Assessment study of the PMGDISHA scheme was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The key findings of the IIPA impact evaluation report of the PMGDISHA Scheme are at **Annexure-II**.

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

- The scheme implementation was 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 was made available and accessible in multimodal format for all candidates.
- The trainers were selected based on the prescribed qualifications.
- Requisite/prescribed IT infrastructure was ensured at the Training Centres/CSCs.

**District –wise details of the rural families of backward/most backward classes/SC/ST in
the state of Maharashtra under PMGDISHA**

| S No | District | OBC | | | SC | | | ST | | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Registe- red | Trained | Certified | Registered | Trained | Certified | Registered | Trained | Certified |
| 1 | Ahmednagar | 76,724 | 69,409 | 52,164 | 34,493 | 30,933 | 23,023 | 13,597 | 12,184 | 9,918 |
| 2 | Akola | 40,395 | 33,409 | 25,693 | 21,328 | 17,518 | 12,544 | 6,457 | 5,338 | 4,065 |
| 3 | Amravati | 90,162 | 79,603 | 61,754 | 31,655 | 27,625 | 20,905 | 37,983 | 33,148 | 25,217 |
| 4 | Aurangabad | 38,490 | 33,427 | 21,566 | 23,458 | 20,147 | 12,651 | 6,975 | 6,018 | 4,132 |
| 5 | Beed | 60,011 | 51,561 | 37,957 | 19,099 | 16,243 | 11,410 | 3,528 | 2,941 | 2,068 |
| 6 | Bhandara | 1,03,690 | 92,635 | 76,934 | 30,989 | 28,506 | 24,410 | 15,366 | 14,032 | 11,418 |
| 7 | Buldhana | 92,488 | 78,014 | 50,760 | 33,175 | 28,099 | 18,360 | 10,698 | 9,670 | 6,975 |
| 8 | Chandrapur | 1,32,742 | 1,18,211 | 93,355 | 29,089 | 25,731 | 19,747 | 53,227 | 48,573 | 37,529 |
| 9 | Dhule | 35,552 | 28,698 | 20,913 | 5,276 | 4,170 | 3,002 | 33,960 | 29,891 | 20,891 |
| 10 | Gadchiroli | 53,835 | 49,139 | 36,461 | 13,680 | 12,075 | 8,687 | 45,439 | 41,573 | 29,018 |
| 11 | Gondia | 1,08,633 | 94,022 | 72,148 | 21,553 | 18,733 | 14,211 | 28,625 | 24,967 | 18,736 |
| 12 | Hingoli | 25,016 | 20,612 | 14,207 | 16,123 | 12,809 | 8,497 | 6,327 | 4,490 | 2,904 |
| 13 | Jalgaon | 93,569 | 79,236 | 54,664 | 16,220 | 13,609 | 9,295 | 23,200 | 21,044 | 14,063 |
| 14 | Jalna | 33,809 | 28,548 | 18,321 | 16,851 | 14,214 | 9,305 | 3,536 | 2,882 | 1,803 |
| 15 | Kolhapur | 27,450 | 24,021 | 18,755 | 18,814 | 15,988 | 11,937 | 1,228 | 1,035 | 696 |
| 16 | Latur | 23,841 | 19,218 | 13,946 | 16,159 | 12,505 | 8,915 | 2,434 | 1,808 | 1,237 |
| 17 | Mumbai | 181 | 180 | 124 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 18 | Mumbai Suburban | 14 | 3 | - | 16 | 4 | - | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 19 | Nagpur | 1,15,760 | 1,00,699 | 83,403 | 34,918 | 30,106 | 24,484 | 29,925 | 25,032 | 20,635 |
| 20 | Nanded | 42,046 | 34,767 | 23,330 | 22,014 | 16,882 | 11,446 | 15,207 | 12,786 | 8,934 |
| 21 | Nandurbar | 12,651 | 11,184 | 8,502 | 4,687 | 4,200 | 3,359 | 85,357 | 75,430 | 57,608 |
| 22 | Nashik | 80,514 | 71,220 | 51,948 | 30,881 | 28,058 | 20,161 | 81,806 | 73,371 | 49,859 |
| 23 | Osmanabad | 26,882 | 22,520 | 14,747 | 10,886 | 8,914 | 5,688 | 1,885 | 1,559 | 1,042 |
| 24 | Palghar | 26,030 | 23,481 | 17,347 | 5,269 | 4,822 | 3,481 | 35,059 | 28,118 | 19,756 |
| 25 | Parbhani | 35,560 | 29,825 | 19,732 | 15,840 | 13,305 | 8,602 | 3,427 | 2,864 | 1,936 |
| 26 | Pune | 57,658 | 52,654 | 38,222 | 24,670 | 22,373 | 16,445 | 8,453 | 7,636 | 5,319 |
| 27 | Raigad | 79,611 | 71,454 | 52,650 | 30,620 | 27,603 | 19,286 | 8,023 | 7,263 | 5,363 |
| 28 | Ratnagiri | 70,705 | 61,976 | 42,071 | 21,856 | 19,478 | 13,829 | 4,278 | 3,894 | 2,413 |
| 29 | Sangli | 24,416 | 21,057 | 14,970 | 11,336 | 9,330 | 6,424 | 1,643 | 1,524 | 1,111 |
| 30 | Satara | 43,633 | 37,409 | 26,989 | 16,194 | 14,045 | 9,951 | 4,262 | 3,814 | 2,573 |
| 31 | Sindhudurg | 17,674 | 15,564 | 10,910 | 5,289 | 4,567 | 2,740 | 2,964 | 2,776 | 1,974 |
| 32 | Solapur | 35,193 | 27,482 | 18,901 | 15,913 | 12,133 | 8,163 | 1,871 | 1,289 | 858 |
| 33 | Thane | 34,894 | 31,430 | 24,146 | 11,053 | 9,492 | 7,233 | 11,415 | 10,105 | 7,224 |
| 34 | Wardha | 89,476 | 83,865 | 68,311 | 19,382 | 18,105 | 14,324 | 22,008 | 20,944 | 16,775 |
| 35 | Washim | 53,653 | 44,127 | 31,321 | 19,228 | 15,474 | 11,043 | 6,533 | 5,471 | 3,929 |
| 36 | Yavatmal | 1,01,509 | 90,019 | 69,894 | 23,057 | 19,802 | 14,241 | 44,425 | 40,008 | 31,073 |
| Total | | 19,84,467 | 17,30,679 | 12,87,116 | 6,71,086 | 5,77,613 | 4,17,808 | 6,61,127 | 5,83,480 | 4,29,054 |

PMGDISHA Scheme: Key findings of IIPA impact evaluation report are given below:

- PMGDISHA is a unique scheme due to its mass scale and use of remotely proctored examination.
- 18% fund used in SCSP, 12% for TSP and 11% for NER have made sure the empowerment of weaker sections.
- Women participation is very large and their inclusion at the rural level will open up the path for the learning of the whole family.
- More than 55% of respondents cited a direct benefit to their livelihoods after PMGDISHA training.
- Almost 50% respondents stated that PMGDISHA helped them get a better Job.
- PMGDISHA training has had a formidable impact on the use of ICT and other forms of digital media.
- PMGDISHA has served the beneficiaries by facilitating their access to a wide range of information points and services for multitude of purposes. It has helped to decrease the overall digital divide in the country.
