

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.404
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.07.2024

STATUS OF DIGITAL LITERACY IN INDIA

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Digital Literacy rates for rural and urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the Digital Literacy rates for Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise for women, men and persons with disabilities alongwith the ongoing and upcoming initiatives of the Government to promote Digital Literacy in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): In order to improve the digital literacy rate, especially in rural India, the Government of India implemented a scheme titled “Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)” to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households (one person per household) which has been officially concluded on 31.03.2024.

As on 31st March 2024, around 7.35 crore candidates have been enrolled and 6.39 crore have been trained, out of which 4.78 crore candidates have been certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme. The State/UT-wise status of the scheme is given at Annexure I.

In the state of Tamil Nadu, a total of more than 17.04 Lakh candidates have been enrolled and 14.07 Lakh candidates have been trained, out of which 10.55 Lakh candidates have been duly certified under the PMGDISHA Scheme. Out of the total certification in Tamil Nadu, approximately 76 percent certified candidates are women and 24 percent candidates are men. The district-wise status for women, men and persons with disabilities in the State of Tamil Nadu under the PMGDISHA Scheme are given at Annexure II.

States/UT's-wise achievements under the PMGDISHA Scheme

Sl. No.	State Name	Registered Candidates	Trained Candidates	Certified Candidates
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5,564	2,931	1,813
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23,01,731	19,17,452	13,90,142
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14,949	11,615	6,615
4.	Assam	27,21,585	23,60,195	18,75,452
5.	Bihar	82,40,606	74,12,740	54,62,848
6.	Chhattisgarh	24,86,455	21,37,064	16,06,777
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	20,522	18,029	13,938
8.	Goa	58,569	53,784	40,005
9.	Gujarat	30,31,310	26,83,286	19,84,049
10.	Haryana	18,57,815	15,77,109	11,90,337
11.	Himachal Pradesh	6,61,922	5,32,976	3,98,166
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	8,70,451	7,06,991	5,17,436
13.	Jharkhand	27,52,731	22,86,356	16,87,611
14.	Karnataka	29,64,726	24,40,957	18,33,519
15.	Kerala	1,77,165	1,18,132	85,352
16.	Ladakh	24,785	22,122	17,377
17.	Lakshadweep	142	35	-
18.	Madhya Pradesh	56,92,467	50,69,449	37,58,313
19.	Maharashtra	61,23,970	53,23,817	38,53,643
20.	Manipur	28,397	18,286	11,989
21.	Meghalaya	1,52,783	1,06,063	71,301
22.	Mizoram	30,317	23,125	14,357
23.	Nagaland	11,990	8,968	6,332
24.	Odisha	36,16,441	30,86,143	23,46,795
25.	Puducherry	22,079	15,801	10,883
26.	Punjab	17,46,448	15,14,820	11,65,692
27.	Rajasthan	45,06,184	39,70,690	29,27,166
28.	Sikkim	27,035	23,122	16,480
29.	Tamil Nadu	17,04,537	14,07,880	10,55,235
30.	Telangana	14,56,226	12,10,448	8,64,871
31.	Tripura	3,25,000	2,64,186	2,15,688
32.	Uttar Pradesh	1,63,14,369	1,45,48,273	1,10,25,560
33.	Uttarakhand	7,85,978	6,73,306	5,04,730
34.	West Bengal	28,36,714	23,95,565	18,75,716
	Total	7,35,71,965	6,39,41,718	4,78,36,188

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

District wise and Gender wise data in the state of Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	District	Female			Male		
		Registered	Trained	Certified	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Ariyalur	48,427	43,740	32,927	15,729	13,549	8,594
2	Chennai	102	78	63	138	81	59
3	Coimbatore	33,725	26,678	19,772	14,086	9,074	5,252
4	Cuddalore	25,844	19,071	13,140	15,168	9,687	5,924
5	Dharmapuri	52,704	45,731	36,981	24,583	19,081	12,411
6	Dindigul	27,004	22,599	16,027	13,947	11,381	7,497
7	Erode	30,898	26,587	21,476	11,579	9,015	6,734
8	Kanchipuram	24,609	17,321	13,460	13,506	8,882	5,746
9	Kanniyakumari	21,371	17,154	13,038	9,209	6,556	4,341
10	Karur	29,945	26,936	19,423	11,984	9,727	6,268
11	Krishnagiri	48,800	44,564	35,400	22,532	18,852	13,002
12	Madurai	13,859	9,859	6,729	7,916	5,367	3,000
13	Nagapattinam	24,879	19,096	13,299	11,705	7,718	4,559
14	Namakkal	25,413	20,795	16,724	17,959	15,017	11,334
15	Perambalur	35,010	32,640	24,412	12,152	10,762	6,552
16	Pudukkottai	73,265	65,549	50,910	19,280	16,071	10,372
17	Ramanathapuram	30,415	23,030	16,761	7,990	4,672	2,621
18	Salem	65,334	60,912	49,549	15,068	12,279	8,602
19	Sivaganga	52,582	43,552	37,298	19,453	14,512	11,662
20	Thanjavur	43,947	38,536	26,421	17,228	14,110	8,448
21	The nilgiris	3,593	1,253	898	3,032	949	548
22	Theni	11,687	8,654	6,266	9,131	6,128	3,928
23	Thiruvallur	34,866	30,181	20,784	21,623	18,264	11,289
24	Thiruvarur	34,193	24,732	17,340	14,764	10,283	6,526
25	Tiruchirappalli	85,095	75,936	58,913	23,745	19,431	13,111
26	Tirunelveli	36,270	28,629	21,310	13,744	10,259	6,408
27	Tiruppur	24,388	20,115	15,297	7,188	5,033	3,102
28	Tiruvannamalai	1,21,741	1,14,869	1,05,016	40,762	35,860	29,939
29	Tuticorin	10,320	7,200	4,837	5,672	3,582	2,063
30	Vellore	27,539	19,165	14,016	19,507	12,899	8,818
31	Villupuram	77,819	67,794	53,006	36,726	27,355	17,923
32	Virudhunagar	33,793	26,477	19,552	17,835	11,870	7,517
	Total	12,09,437	10,29,433	8,01,045	4,94,941	3,78,306	2,54,150

District wise data of persons with disabilities candidates in the state of Tamil Nadu				
Sl. No.	District	Registered	Trained	Certified

1	Ariyalur	1,260	1,108	720
2	Chennai	14	5	5
3	Coimbatore	189	75	30
4	Cuddalore	553	404	235
5	Dharmapuri	1,320	1,078	793
6	Dindigul	584	413	291
7	Erode	623	540	423
8	Kanchipuram	221	118	59
9	Kanniyakumari	145	105	83
10	Karur	1,932	1,855	1,391
11	Krishnagiri	323	239	107
12	Madurai	113	73	29
13	Nagapattinam	1,844	1,650	1,363
14	Namakkal	327	307	204
15	Perambalur	99	88	28
16	Pudukkottai	22,596	21,106	17,082
17	Ramanathapuram	576	425	266
18	Salem	756	705	553
19	Sivaganga	4,357	3,036	2,149
20	Thanjavur	1,630	1,439	605
21	The Nilgiris	53	10	4
22	Theni	192	60	47
23	Thiruvallur	769	417	308
24	Thiruvarur	579	412	260
25	Tiruchirappalli	17,320	16,361	11,834
26	Tirunelveli	786	319	203
27	Tiruppur	190	62	43
28	Tiruvannamalai	1,310	1,202	1,080
29	Tuticorin	88	44	26
30	Vellore	718	418	235
31	Villupuram	1,081	683	450
32	Virudhunagar	478	316	137
	Total	63,026	55,073	41,043
