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e-Literacy
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has formulated a plan to e-literate one person in each of the 10 lakh homes to be identified; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure to be followed for identification of homes for the purpose along with the annual expenditure on the plan?

Answer

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): A Scheme for IT Mass Literacy (renamed as National Digital Literacy Mission) with the objective to make 10 lakh persons digitally literate throughout the country was approved initiated by the Government on 04.03.2014. Subsequently, an expanded scheme under 'Digital India': 'Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' has been approved by Government on 09.12.2014 with the objective to make additional 42.5 lakh persons digitally literate in a period of four years. Both these Schemes are being implemented concurrently. Out of the total target of 52.50 lakh of both the schemes, 5 Lakh candidates are to be trained by Industry, Non-Governmental Organisations and others through their own resources/ under Corporate Social Responsibility and remaining 47.50 lakh candidates would be supported by Government. The total outlay of both the Schemes is Rs. 477.02 crore with a Grant-in-Aid of Rs.444.56 crore.

One of the strategies adopted for beneficiary identification is a household survey to be carried out through Village Level Entrepreneurs. This has been done in select districts/blocks to identify the beneficiaries. Now as the Schemes have been opened to include all districts/blocks, the household survey is being carried out at the time of registration of the candidate by capturing family member details including Aadhaar number.
