DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION

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

(a) the statewise details of the status of implementation of Digital Literacy Mission;
(b) whether the target of making six crore persons digitally literate in rural areas, across States/UTs 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 for scaling up the coverage of digital literacy schemes; and
(d) whether the Government has obtained feedback on reasons for low motivation amongst people to join digital literacy programs; and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(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 SakshartaAbhiyan" (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 MantriGramin Digital SakshartaAbhiyan (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 5.38 crore candidates have been enrolled and 4.56 crore have been trained, out of which around 3.39 crore candidates have been certified under this scheme. The State-wise achievement under the Scheme may be seen at **Annexure**.

Government has taken up several steps for scaling up the coverage of digital literacy schemes which include the following:

• Scaling up the awareness and promotional activities towards Digital literacy through campaigns, workshops, seminars, digital vans, etc.
• Efforts have been made to identify and register new Training centres in uncovered Gram Panchayats across the country.

- In order to address the low internet connectivity issues, Wifi-choupals have been established at remote locations.
- Rural schools have been engaged for training and examination of candidates in order to penetrate the rural populous districts of identified states.

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

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Annexure

The State/UT-wise number of candidates registered, trained and certified so far under PMGDISHA Scheme:

S. No.	State	Registered	Trained	Certified
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	308	109	51
2	Andhra Pradesh	12,13,541	9,33,786	6,61,421
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,399	1,279	880
4	Assam	25,45,034	22,18,788	17,77,702
5	Bihar	57,16,626	50,10,635	36,58,014
6	Chandigarh*	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	24,98,702	21,54,263	16,29,634
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1,652	737	446
9	Daman and Diu	1,470	846	450
10	Delhi*	2,086	1,401	929
11	Goa	4,650	3,180	2,322
12	Gujarat	23,87,245	20,71,606	15,21,815
13	Haryana	17,20,102	14,55,183	10,96,074
14	Himachal Pradesh	3,54,939	2,59,390	1,85,625
15	Jammu And Kashmir	4,54,633	3,41,094	2,50,274
16	Jharkhand	20,92,199	16,73,448	12,15,415
17	Karnataka	9,90,825	7,47,188	4,83,761
18	Kerala	50,068	24,410	19,520
19	Ladakh	17,279	13,802	9,501
20	Lakshadweep	94	35	0
21	Madhya Pradesh	45,43,049	39,57,566	29,03,180
22	Maharashtra	34,91,142	28,62,502	20,69,617
23	Manipur	10,239	5,858	3,691
24	Meghalaya	1,11,847	80,610	53,896
25	Mizoram	9,214	6,593	3,881
26	Nagaland	5,597	4,011	2,872
27	Odisha	27,15,434	22,33,186	16,93,495
28	Puducherry	13,590	9,643	6,157
29	Punjab	14,69,681	12,56,997	9,67,725

30	Rajasthan	28,74,294	23,71,583	17,28,270
31	Sikkim	3,551	1,521	717
32	Tamil Nadu	10,14,005	8,13,078	5,81,823
33	Telangana	7,23,212	5,63,842	3,93,659
34	Tripura	2,48,544	1,87,286	1,48,402
35	Uttarakhand	6,06,354	5,00,158	3,70,433
36	Uttar Pradesh	1,40,30,962	1,23,28,605	92,71,740
37	West Bengal	18,76,201	15,24,802	11,81,633
Total		**5,38,01,768**	**4,56,19,021**	**3,38,95,025**

*Chandigarh and Delhi are in Urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the Scheme.

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