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TARGETS FOR DIGITAL LITERACY UNDER PMGDISHA

4580. DR. C N MANJUNATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set quantifiable targets for digital literacy under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (PMGDISHA) or related schemes;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries certified under digital literacy initiatives in rural and aspirational districts; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to integrate digital literacy with skilling, financial inclusion and cyber safety awareness modules and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in 2017 to ensure digital literacy. The Scheme was implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited through 4.39 Lakh Common Service Centres (CSC) run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). The scheme ended on 31st March 2024.

The PMGDISHA Scheme was aimed at bridging the digital divide through empowering the citizens in rural population in the age group of 14 to 60 years by training them to operate computer or digital access devices (like tablets, smart phones etc.), send and receive emails, browse internet, access Government services, search for information, undertake digital payments etc. and hence enable them to use the Information Technology (IT) and related applications especially Digital Payments to actively participate in the process of nation building. The marginalized sections of society like Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST), Below Poverty Line (BPL), women, differently-abled persons, and minorities were covered under the said scheme. The duration of the training was 20 hours to be completed in minimum 10 and maximum 30 days.

Under the scheme, a total of 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country against the target to train 6 crore individuals. Out of this, around 1.1 crore candidates were trained across 112 Aspirational Districts in the country.
