

Chapter Six

Access to Computer & Internet

6.1 Introduction

This survey also captured some information on various facets of ability to operate computer along with possession of computer by the households and access to internet facility for household members aged 14 and above as per the request of Department of Electronics and Information Technology with the relevant concepts and definitions provided by them.

Possession of computer and access to internet facilities

A household possessing any of the devices mentioned in Para 2.1.8 in chapter Two, were considered as household possessing computer. If any member of the household aged 14 years 7 above had access to use internet facility, then the household was considered to have internet facilities. The access may be within the household or outside the household.

Table 30: proportions (per 1000) of households having computer for each quintile class of MPCE in Rural & Urban

Sector	Proportion of households having computer					
	Quintile class of MPCE					
	0-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	All
Rural	128	133	277	72	361	201
Urban	491	395	574	485	594	511
All	244	220	370	194	433	298

It can be seen from table 30 that there is variation in the percentage of households having computer in both rural and urban areas. 20.1% of rural households had computers whereas 51% of the urban household had computers; thus a noticeable rural-urban difference in the proportion of households having the same was observed.

Table 31: Proportion (per 1000) person (aged 14 and above), able to operate computer by age group and by type of ability

Gender	Able to operate a computer (proportion in the population of particular age group)				Proportion in the population of age 14 years and above able to use			Persons aged 14 years and above							
	Age group (years)				Computer word processing/typing	Internet for searching for desired information	Internet for sending e-mails	Estd. (00)				Sample			
	14-29	30-45	46-60	60+				14-29	30-45	46-60	60+	14-29	30-45	46-60	60+
Male	722	316	162	76	383	369	318	1961	1730	1233	328	812	577	406	85
Female	594	220	105	0	279	273	229	1644	1937	1026	182	679	681	316	44
All	664	265	136	49	333	323	276	3605	3667	2259	510	1491	1258	722	129

For age Fourteen (14) years and above, ability to operate computer at different age-groups is presented in the above table. Males were shown to be more capable in this regard than females for all age-groups both in operating a computer as well as being able to use it. Overall, 33.3% of persons aged 14 and above were able to use computer for word processing/typing, 32.3% for Internet for searching for desired information, and 27.6% for Internet for sending e-mails.

Table 32: Proportion (per 1000) of households having access to use internet facility, for each quintile class of MPCE in Rural & Urban

Sector	Proportion of households having access to internet facility					
	Quintile class of MPCE					
	0-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	All
Rural	331	91	310	317	464	312
Urban	588	499	633	530	588	568
All	413	226	411	380	503	392

It can be seen from the above table that the proportion of access to internet facility was more in the urban areas compared to their rural counterpart. 31% in the rural areas had access to internet facility whereas about 57% had access to the same in the urban areas.