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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DIGITAL LIBRARY

3850 SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state: -

- (a) the steps taken by the Central Government to improve the infrastructure for Digital Library under National Mission on Libraries from the year 2018 till date;
- (b) whether the Central Government will take any steps to oversee the development of digital library infrastructure in India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c) The National Mission on Libraries (NML) has 4 components with following objectives:

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- **Creation of National Virtual Library of India** with an objective to give an open access user-friendly federated search mechanism (Interface) to users for easy access to knowledge and information as well as to the diverse culture of India.
- **Setting up of NML Model Library** with the objective to provide financial assistance for Up-gradation of Infrastructure, Modernization of Technology, Creation of Facilities for Specially abled users and advocacy and Outreach programs, to 1 State Central Library & 1 District Library selected by the State Government of each State / UT and 6 libraries under the Ministry of Culture.
- **Quantitative and Qualitative Survey** with the objective to obtain descriptive statistics of libraries in the Country, to study the existing infrastructure and services of the public libraries and the level of satisfaction and perception of the citizens.
- **Capacity Building** for providing training to the Library Personnel, students of library science in order to sensitize the library service providers with professional skills as well as to apprise them with the latest technology.

The following steps have been taken for digitization effort in libraries under NML:-

- i. Indian Culture Portal has been created and launched 10.12.2019 under NVLI component of NML. The portal currently has a total of about 3.42 lakh digital records along with metadata. It also has more than 34.91 lakh bibliographic records.
- ii. Besides, under setting up of Model Libraries component, financial assistance is provided to one State Central Library and one District Library for modernisation, upgradation of technology and infrastructure development.
- iii. Through Capacity Building component, library professionals are imparted training to acquire professional skills on latest technology.
