

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1295**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

**NATIONAL MISSION FOR DOCUMENTATION OF ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS.**

1295. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) the details of the National Mission for Documentation of Ancient Manuscripts and its achievements in its tenure;
- b) whether Government has been able to document valuable ancient manuscripts from all Indian languages, including Tamil;
- c) if so, the details thereof, manuscript-wise;
- d) whether valuable manuscripts, containing the practice of medicine, technology, polity and culture, have also been documented; and
- e) if so, the details thereof, manuscript-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G.KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The National Mission for Manuscripts has documented 5.2 million manuscripts having ancient scripts.
- (b)&(c) Yes, the Government through the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Culture has been able to document valuable ancient manuscripts from all Indian languages, including Tamil. National Mission for Manuscripts, NMM has documented 1,79,815 number of Manuscripts in Tamil language and 1,83,757 number of manuscripts in Tamil Script since its inception.
- (d)&(e) Yes, the valuable manuscripts containing the practice of Medicine and polity have also been documented. National Mission for Manuscripts, NMM has documented one lakh thirty nine thousand manuscripts of Ayurveda and one thousand nine hundred seventy nine number of manuscripts in the field of polity.

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