

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3051
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/03/2025

EXPENDITURE ON LIBRARIES

3051. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- a) the budget allocation for libraries in the Union Budget, year-wise data since 2020;
- b) the amount unspent from the budget allocation for libraries, year-wise data since 2020; and
- c) whether there are plans to provide funds to the States to manage libraries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) The subject “Libraries” comes under the State List. The Ministry of Culture has 7 (Seven) libraries under its purview. The year-wise details of budget allocation and the amount spent in respect of these libraries is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State /UT as per the recommendation of the State Authorities concerned and 6 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture.

Also, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), through its matching (State + Central Fund) and non-matching (Central Fund only) schemes also provides financial assistance to public Libraries.

Annexure- I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a&b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3051 for reply on 27th March, 2025 regarding 'Expenditure on Libraries'.

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata	2020-21	5338.40	51.00
2.		2021-22	2707.00	101.00
3.		2022-23	2752.00	93.00
4.		2023-24	3367.00	139.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar	2020-21	586.89	0.00
2.		2021-22	632.50	0.00
3.		2022-23	580.50	0.00
4.		2023-24	622.00	31.18

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Delhi Public Library, Delhi	2020-21	3167.69	195.74
2.		2021-22	3627.00	242.54
3.		2022-23	3367.00	65.70
4.		2023-24	3558.00	478.49

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, U.P.	2020-21	646.05	54.80
2.		2021-22	702.00	35.70
3.		2022-23	672.00	78.04
4.		2023-24	662.00	78.15

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	National Library, Kolkata	2020-21	4724.68	1231.39
2.		2021-22	4628.86	586.86
3.		2022-23	6189.50	1111.86
4.		2023-24	6449.50	631.16

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Central Reference Library, Kolkata	2020-21	545.00	157.85
2.		2021-22	558.00	138.06
3.		2022-23	561.00	108.01
4.		2023-24	618.00	141.56

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial year	BE	Unspent Balance
1.	Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi	2020-21	186.00	58.25
2.		2021-22	166.00	34.80
3.		2022-23	213.00	23.17
4.		2023-24	295.00	89.37
