

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3062
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE COUNTRY

3062. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) details of public libraries currently functional in the country; State-wise
- b) whether Government has built any new public libraries in the country in the last five years;
- c) if so, details of the library built, State-wise;
- d) the number of public libraries planned by Government in the next five years;
- e) the manner in which Government helped to improve physical and digital infrastructure of the existing public libraries in the country; and
- f) the amount spend for the same in the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- a) The subject “Libraries” comes under State list. No such data is maintained.
- b) No, Sir.
- c) Not Applicable
- d) There is no such plan.
- e) 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.

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.

- f) Details of the financial assistance provided by NML and RRRLF are at **Annexure-A**.

Annexure- A

Annexure referred to in reply to part (f) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3062 for reply on 27th March, 2025 regarding Public libraries in the country.

NML has provided financial assistance to participating States/ UTs for the last 5 (five) years as follows:

(Amt. in Lakh)

Year	Amount of Assistance Central Share	Amount of Assistance State Share	Total
2020-21	129.37	43.1	172.54
2021-22	347.013	78.367	425.38
2022-23	151.608	40.072	191.68
2023-24	497.979	140.081	638.06
2024-25 (Till date)	1128.605	86.395	1215.06

Under NML Scheme: -

1. In all States (except North Eastern States) sanctioned amount Central: State Share = 75:25
2. In North Eastern States sanctioned amount Central: State Share = 90:10
3. In UTs with legislature sanctioned amount Central: State Share = 75:25
4. In UTs without legislature sanctioned amount Central Share = 100 percent

Details of amount of assistance (Central Share) released under RRRLF schemes for the period of 2020-21 to 2024-25 (till date):

(Amt. in Lakh)

Year	Amount of Assistance
2020-21	1478.17
2021-22	1558.82
2022-23	2107.22
2023-24	1610.99
2024-25 (Till date)	333.60