

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026**

“Gyan Bharatam Mission”

*208. Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of manuscripts identified, documented and digitised under the GyanBharatam Mission, State-wise, since its launch;
- (b) whether Government has established any institutional mechanism to encourage participation of private custodians, religious institutions, libraries and universities in the preservation and digitisation of manuscripts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken to promote scholarly access, research and public outreach of digitised manuscripts under the Mission?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF
RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 208 FOR REPLY ON 06.08.2026
REGARDING GYAN BHARATAM MISSION ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI
ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN.**

(a) National Manuscript Survey was launched in March, 2026 across all States and Union Territories of the country to identify and document manuscript holdings, repositories and custodians representing diverse languages and scripts. During the survey, more than 1.22 crore manuscripts have been reported, as given, State-wise, at **Annexure-I**. The total number of digitised manuscripts available across the country is over 8 lakh, out of which, more than 4.40 lakh manuscripts are available on Gyan Bharatam portal at present for public access, in view mode. Details of digitised manuscripts available, State-wise, on Gyan Bharatam portal are at **Annexure-II**.

(b) & (c) The mission has established an institutional mechanism through Cluster Centres and Independent Centres which include universities, research institutions, libraries, archives, private custodians, religious institutions, and other stakeholders to undertake manuscript related activities. States / Union Territories (UTs) have also been engaged to act as Nodal Coordinating Authority for Gyan Bharatam implementation within the State / UT concerned.

(d) Access to digitised copies of manuscript is facilitated in accordance with the rights of custodians and rights holders. Wherever permissible, manuscripts and associated metadata may be made available for public and scholarly research through the National Digital Repository, while sensitive, restricted or rights-protected materials may be subject to appropriate access conditions.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *208 for 06.08.2026

**Details of manuscripts reported during National Manuscript Survey
(State/Union Territory wise)
(As on 30th July, 2026)**

S. No.	State/UT	No. of Manuscripts
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	47
2.	Andhra Pradesh	79452
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4588
4.	Assam	58703
5.	Bihar	876640
6.	Chandigarh	9100
7.	Chhattisgarh	12139
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	169
9.	Delhi	88554
10.	Goa	31072
11.	Gujarat	1775383
12.	Haryana	28311
13.	Himachal Pradesh	52082
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	43539
15.	Jharkhand	10158
16.	Karnataka	409491
17.	Kerala	511398
18.	Ladakh	10481
19.	Lakshadweep	73
20.	Madhya Pradesh	1220576
21.	Maharashtra	701860
22.	Manipur	7153
23.	Meghalaya	200
24.	Mizoram	388
25.	Nagaland	426
26.	Odisha	95447
27.	Puducherry	15449
28.	Punjab	136743
29.	Rajasthan	2343769
30.	Sikkim	3633
31.	Tamil Nadu	146025
32.	Telangana	242282
33.	Tripura	835
34.	Uttar Pradesh	2956373
35.	Uttarakhand	16762
36.	West Bengal	351051
	Total	1,22,40,352

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *208 for 06.08.2026

**Details of digitised manuscripts available on Gyan Bharatam Portal
(State/Union Territory wise)
(As on 30th July, 2026)**

S. No.	State/UT	No. of manuscripts
1	Assam	2198
2	Bihar	1317
3	Chhattisgarh	1
4	Delhi	11742
5	Goa	45
6	Gujarat	36315
7	Haryana	22088
8	Himachal Pradesh	1313
9	Jammu and Kashmir	2265
10	Karnataka	3033
11	Kerala	343
12	Ladakh	186
13	Madhya Pradesh	7854
14	Maharashtra	98167
15	Manipur	367
16	Odisha	5971
17	Puducherry	332
18	Punjab	2044
19	Rajasthan	94936
20	Sikkim	212
21	Tamil Nadu	47036
22	Telangana	391
23	Uttar Pradesh	79863
24	Uttarakhand	26199
25	West Bengal	2370
TOTAL		4,46,588
