

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1308
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

1308. **SHRI MANSOOR ALI KHAN:**
SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

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

- a) the State/UT-wise Central and District libraries set up, modernised or proposed under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) since inception;
- b) the year-wise budget allocated, funds released and expenditure incurred under the Mission;
- c) the State/UT-wise sanctioned posts, working strength and vacancies of librarians and staff;
- d) the State/UT-wise number of libraries digitised or under digitisation, including of manuscripts and books; and
- e) whether infrastructure gaps, staff shortages and digital access have been assessed and if so, the corrective measures taken thereon

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a)The Ministry of Culture through National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under its 'Setting up of NML Model Libraries' component, has sanctioned financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State /UT on the recommendation of the State Authorities concerned and 6 Libraries identified by Ministry of Culture as per details in **Annexure-A**.

(b) The year-wise budget allocated, funds released and expenditure incurred under the Mission are as follows: -

FINANCIAL YEAR	AMOUNT IN LAKHS		
	BUDGET ALLOCATED (REVISED ESTIMATE)	FUND RELEASED BY MINISTRY	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE
2016-17	3250.00	2637.84	1807.96
2017-18	4960.00	2884.43	652.52
2018-19	3992.00	2525.45	404.35
2019-20	73.00	0.00	232.82
2020-21	0.00	0.00	151.27
2021-22	165.00	152.16	442.18
2022-23	1910.00	1895.55	306.24
2023-24	2602.00	469.24	1357.07
2024-25	2161.00	2071.80	1893.66
2025-26	3507.00	3309.00	3244.08

(c) to (e) Library is a State subject as per the Seventh schedule of Constitution of India, and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory Authorities.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1308 for reply on 30th July, 2026 regarding “Public libraries”.

Details of State Central Libraries (SCL) and District Libraries (DL) under NML Scheme

Sl.	State	Name of the Library
1	A&N Island	State Central Library, Port Blair
2	A&N Island	District Library, Car nicobar
3	Andhra Pradesh	SCL, Amravati
4	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Gowthami Regional Library Rajamahendravaram
5	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar
6	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat
7	Assam	District Library, Jorhat (1)
8	Assam	District Library, Guwahati (2)
9	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui
10	Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali
11	Chandigarh	T.S. State Central Library
12	Chandigarh	Divisional Library, South
13	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh
14	Daman & Diu	Central Library, Daman
15	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu
16	Goa	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library
17	Goa	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library
18	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar
19	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar, Gujarat
20	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.
21	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul
22	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur
23	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan, Himachal Pradesh
24	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar
25	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba
26	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad
27	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau
28	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore
29	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga
30	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram
31	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre
32	Ladakh	State Public Library, Kargil
33	Ladakh	District Library, Leh
34	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti
35	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat
36	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa

37	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore
38	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar
39	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad
40	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal
41	Manipur	District Library, Senapati
42	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong
43	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura
44	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal
45	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib
46	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima
47	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur
48	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar
49	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam
50	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library
51	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal
52	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala
53	Punjab	Gurunanak District Library, Kapurthala
54	Rajasthan	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur
55	Rajasthan	Rajakiya Sarvajanic Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota
56	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok
57	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan
58	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli
59	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore
60	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar
61	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad
62	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library
63	Tripura	Unakoti District Library
64	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Allahabad
65	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah
66	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri
67	Uttarakhand	Central State Library, Almora
68	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library
69	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar

MoC Libraries

Sl. No.	Name of Library
1	National Library
2	Central Secretariat Library
3	Delhi Public Library (DPL)
4	Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library
5	Thanjavur Maharaja Serfoji's Sarasvati Mahal Library
