GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.*248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2017

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic condition of public libraries in the country including Delhi Public Library and Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to rejuvenate these libraries;

(c)   whether the Government has any roadmap for development of public library system in the country and allocated separate funds for it and if so, the details thereof;

(d)   the details of manpower shortage in public libraries in the country, State/UT-wise and remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the details of the recruitment of trained library professionals for public libraries in the country including those in the libraries in Delhi; and

(e)   the total number of libraries with internet and modern facilities set up in the country and the Central Assistance provided in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the details of any likely enhancement in the Central Assistance in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.248 FOR 20TH MARCH, 2017.

(a) & (b) The condition of Libraries under Ministry of Culture is not pathetic. Every year grant-in-aid general for purchase of books, preservation/conservation, digitization, office expenses etc., grant-in-aid salaries and grant-in-aid for creation of capital assets is provided to libraries under Ministry of Culture.

(c) National Mission on Libraries has been set up by Ministry of Culture, Government of India, vide notification dated 4th May, 2012 in pursuance of National Knowledge Commission recommendations for sustained attention for development of Libraries and Information science Sector. The President of India launched the National Mission on Libraries (NML) on 3.2.2014. The components of National Mission on Libraries are:-

- Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)
- Setting up of NML Model Libraries
- Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries
- Capacity Building

The total budget allocation for NML is Rs. 400 crores during 12th Five Year Plan. The purpose of National Virtual Library of India is to facilitate a comprehensive database of digital resources on information about India and on information generated in India, in an open access environment. This project has been entrusted to IIT Bombay. NVLI prototype has since been developed and contents are being processed for uploading. 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries and 6 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture are to be upgraded as Model Libraries. The Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries has been undertaken to prepare a baseline data of libraries in India through a survey of 5000 Libraries. The work is being done by Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB). The Capacity Building has been undertaken to enhance the professional competence of library personnel. INFLIBNET has conducted training in this regard.

Also Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation under its matching and not-matching schemes provides financial assistance for development of public libraries for various purposes eg. Books, furniture & equipments, modernization, construction of library buildings, mobile library services, establishment of children corner, facilities for specially-abled readers, seminars/workshops, training, career guidance etc.

(d) The information is being collected.

(e) Ministry of Culture does not have any scheme for setting up new libraries. However, under National Mission on Libraries funds have been approved for the modernization of various state and central libraries as per details at Annexure-I. Central Assistance provided by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation during last three years and current year (in Rupees in lakhs) is — Andhra Pradesh (15.21), Assam (151.79), Gujarat (182.79), Haryana (45.52), Himachal Pradesh (7.14), Kerala (4.13), Maharashtra (155.01), Meghalaya (20.00), Rajasthan (1.92), Sikkim (17.30), Tamil Nadu (48.00), Uttar Pradesh (23.82), West Bengal (481.58) and Pondicherry (29.88). Apart from that book assistance in the form of supply of books and purchase of books for various State Central Libraries and other libraries under States/UTs is also provided by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation. As yet no enhancement in Central Assistance during the current year is proposed.

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Annexure referred in reply to Part (e) of the Starred Question No. *248 for 20.03.2017 on Public Libraries.

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Library Name	Approved during the year	Amount approved
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	State Central Library, Itanagar	2014-15	223.00
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	District Library Phasighat	2014-15	87.00
3	KARNATAKA	State Central Library, Bangalore	2014-15	223.00
4	KARNATAKA	Government District Library, Shimoga	2014-15	87.00
5	MIZORAM	State Central Library, Aizwal	2014-15	100.00
6	MIZORAM	District Library Building Kolasib.	2014-15	50.00
7	ORISSA	State Library Odisha, Bhubaneswar	2014-15	223.00
8	ORISSA	District Library, Ganajam Odisha	2014-15	40.36
9	RAJASTHAN	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51
10	TRIPURA	Birchandra State Central Library, Agartala	2014-15	223.00
11	TRIPURA	Unakoti District Library,Unakoti	2014-15	87.00
12	UTTAR PRADESH	State Central Library, Allahabad	2014-15	206.00
13	UTTAR PRADESH	Government District Library, Etawah	2014-15	87.00
14	WEST BENGAL	West Bengal State Central library, Kolkata	2014-15	222.81
15	WEST BENGAL	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	2014-15	86.98
16	TELANGANA	State Central Library Hyderabad	2014-15	112.25
17	TELANGANA	District Central Library Mahaboobnagar	2014-15	52.00
18	ASSAM	District Library, Jorhat, Assam	2014-15	40.00
19	ASSAM	District Library, Guwahati, Assam	2014-15	70.00
20	CHHATISGARH	District Library, Dhantawada	2014-15	87.00
21	CHHATISGARH	District Library, Raigarh	2014-15	87.00
22	GOA	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library, Panaji	2014-15	223.00
23	GOA	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelin	2014-15	87.00
24	GUJARAT	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	2014-15	106.01
25	ANDHRA PRADESH	State Regional Library, Guntur	2014-15	50.00
26	ANDHRA PRADESH	Regional Library, Rajamundry	2014-15	30.00
27	MANIPUR	State Central Library, Imphal, Mamipur	2014-15	40.00
28	MANIPUR	District Library, Senapati, Manipur	2014-15	20.00
29	TAMIL NADU	District Library Vellore, Tamil Nadu	2014-15	90.00
30	TAMIL NADU	District Library Tiruchiralulli, Tmail Nadu	2014-15	70.00
			2014-15 TOTAL	**3293.92**
31	RAJASTHAN	Sarbajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2015-16	63.46
32	KERALA	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	2015-16	116.61
33	PONDICHERRY	Romain Rolland Library, Puducherry	2015-16	166.54
34	PONDICHERRY	Dr. S R Ranganathan Government Public library, District Library, Karaikal	2015-16	76.04
			2015-16 TOTAL	**422.65**
35	NAGALAND	District Library, Dimapur	2016-17	73.81
5(A)	MIZORAM	State Central Library, Aizwal, Mizoram	2016-17	28.7
36	MAHARASHTRA	District Library, Nandurbar, Maharastra	2016-17	21.90
37	SIKKIM	Sikkim State Central Library	2016-17	3.02
38	MADHYA PRADESH	Govt. District Library, Khandwa, MP	2016-17	73.2
39	NAGALAND	State Central Library, Kohima, Nagaland	2016-17	177.49

			TOTAL	2016-17	378.12
				GRAND TOTAL	4094.69