

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

NATIONAL MISSIONS ON LIBRARIES AND MANUSCRIPTS

2852. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

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

- (a) the details of the National Missions being run by the Ministry along with their names;
- (b) the details of the objectives of National Mission on Manuscripts (NMM) and National Mission on Libraries (NML); and
- (c) the details of the work done and amount spent on NMM and NML during last three years, year-wise ?

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**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE
AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

ANSWER

- (a) The following National Missions are run by the Ministry of Culture:
 - i. Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission
 - ii. National Mission on Libraries
 - iii. National Mission on Manuscripts
 - iv. National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities
- (b) The objectives of National Mission on Manuscripts are -
 - i. To document and catalogue Indian manuscripts, wherever they may be, maintain accurate and up-to-date information about them and the conditions under which they may be consulted;
 - ii. to promote ready access to these manuscripts through publications, both in book form as well as machine readable form.
 - iii. to facilitate conservation and preservation of manuscripts through training awareness and financial support.

- iv. to boost scholarship and research in the study of Indian language and Manuscriptology.
- v. to build up a National Manuscripts Library at IGNC.

The objective of National Mission on Libraries is to revamp the Public Library System & Services, and to provide digital content based services to the citizens at large. 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

(c) The amount spent on National Mission on Manuscripts in last three years is as given below:

- i. 2013-14 = Rs.817 Lakhs
- ii. 2014-15 = Rs.654 Lakhs
- iii. 2015-16 = Rs.616 Lakhs

The amount spent on National Mission on Libraries in last three years is as given below:

- i. 2013-14 = Rs.717 Lakhs
- ii. 2014-15 = Rs.1993 Lakhs
- iii. 2015-16 = Rs.762 Lakhs
