

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2921
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

DIGITISATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

† **2921: SHRI HARI MANJHI**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether our country has the highest reserve of manuscripts across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present policy of the Government regarding the protection/conservation and digitization of manuscript heritage of the country;
- (c) the number of manuscripts documented, digitized and conserved so far;
- (d) the amount allocated in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year in this regard, state-wise; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a & b): Yes, Madam. As per our estimates India has the largest collection of Manuscripts. For documentation, conservation /preservation and digitization of Manuscripts project, National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was launched by the Ministry of Culture in 2003. Till date it has documented about 42 lakh Manuscripts in different scripts and languages. For conservation of Manuscripts, Manuscripts Conservation Centres (MCCs) have been established by NMM all over the country, which conduct preventive and curative conservation of Manuscripts requiring conservation in their region.

Digitization of Manuscripts is done by NMM itself through invitation of open tenders.

- (c):
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| 1. | Number of Manuscripts documented | – | 42 lakhs Manuscripts. |
| 2. | Number of Manuscripts digitized | – | 2.80 lakh Manuscripts. |
| 3. | Number of Manuscripts conserved | – | preventive conservation of 733 lakh folios and curative conservation of 16 lakh folios. |

(d)&(e): Funds are not allocated state-wise by the Government. However, Government allocated the following funds to National Mission for Manuscripts during the last three years and the current year.

Year	Budget allocation (in Rs.Lakhs)
2013-14	950.00
2014-15	950.00
2015-16	625.00
2016-17	1200.00

State-wise details of the expenditure incurred by the NMM during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2921 due for answer on 20.03.2017

State wise expenditure incurred by National Mission for Manuscripts during last three years and current year.

Amount in Lakh

S. No.	State	Funds allocated 2013-14	Funds allocated 2014-15	Funds allocated 2015-16	Funds allocated 2016-17 upto 28-02-2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	35.43	15.00	9.50	27.55
2	Assam	11.80	9.54	10.50	4.5
3	Bihar	30.00	28.50	33.00	28
4	Delhi	9.29		8.00	16.5
5	Gujarat			7.00	2.5
6	Haryana	18.70		7.00	14.4
7	Himachal Pradesh	18.00	23.00	14.00	21.5
8	Jammu & Kashmir	21.50	16.50	21.00	23.5
9	Karnataka	32.90	21.50	27.28	27.9
10	Kerala	15.75	21.00	21.00	24
11	Madhya Pradesh	13.25	11.50	7.00	4.5
12	Maharastra	13.35	4.50	13.15	13.5
13	Manipur	12.00	14.50	7.50	2.5
14	Odisha	57.50	43.50	35.91	37.41
15	Punjab	4.24			
16	Rajasthan	24.70	14.50	13.58	14.5
17	Sikkim	3.30		2.64	0.49
18	Tamilnadu	63.70	51.00	14.00	3.04
19	Tripura	5.00	2.50		10
20	Uttar Pradesh	83.85	67.06	50.00	46.58
21	Uttrakhand	5.00	15.00	19.00	15
22	West Bengal	16.00	16.00		26.03
	Total	<u>495.26</u>	<u>375.10</u>	<u>321.06</u>	<u>363.9</u>