

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2392
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

MODERNISATION OF DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

- (a) the number of Government run libraries across the country including Delhi;
- (b) the annual expenditure made on such libraries during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to modernise the Delhi Public Library;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up any extension branch of Delhi Public Library; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

ANSWER

- (a) Most of the government run Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State library authorities. There are six libraries under the administrative control of the Ministry of Culture namely:
 - i. National Library
 - ii. Central Secretariat Library
 - iii. Central Reference Library
 - iv. Delhi Public Library
 - v. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library
 - vi. Rampur Raza Library
- (b) The annual expenditure incurred on the libraries under Ministry of Culture during the last three years is at Annexure-I.
- (c) Modernization and upgradation of Delhi Public Library is an ongoing continuous process. Every year grant-in-aid general for purchase of books, preservation/conservation, digitization, office expenses etc., grant-in-aid for creation of capital assets is provided to Delhi Public Library. Grants released to Delhi Public Library during last three years is at Annexure-I. Under the scheme of Improvement of Infrastructure and Modernization of Library of National Mission on Libraries, an amount of Rs. 224.00 lakh has been approved for Delhi Public Library.
- (d) & (e) There are at present 35 branches and 62 mobile library points under Delhi public Library in Delhi. Delhi Public Library proposes to open two branches – one at Ashok Vihar Phase-2 and one at Bawana in Delhi after completion of construction of library buildings.

Annexure – I

Annexure referred in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. +2392 for 31.07.2017 on Modernisation of Delhi Public Library.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Library	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1.	National Library	3713.92	3807.79	4112.33
2.	Central Secretariat Library	201.67	208.94	194.50
3.	Central Reference Library	271.64	253.69	358.18
4.	Delhi Public Library	2476.05	2700.78	2838.13
5.	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library	403.75	432.15	593.35
6.	Rampur Raza Library	788.54	544.2	473.81
