

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

MODERNISATION OF LIBRARIES

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SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the number of libraries being maintained by the Government across the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) the expenditure incurred per annum on such libraries during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating on any scheme to modernize these libraries including Delhi Public Library and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open any extension branch of Delhi Public Library; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

**MINISTER OF STATE
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FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE**

ANSWER

(a) Most of Govt. Public Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective state library authorities. There are six libraries under administrative control of 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

There is no library in Rajasthan under the control of Ministry of Culture.

(b) The annual expenditure incurred on the libraries under Ministry of Culture during the last three years is at Annexure I.

(c) 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 all libraries under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture including Delhi Public Library. Grants released to all these libraries during last three years is at Annexure I.

National Mission on Libraries under its Model Library scheme provides financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/UT and also to the six libraries under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture for the following purposes:

- i. Improvement of infrastructure
- ii. Up-gradation of Technology & Modernization of Services
- iii. Creation of facilities for specially abled groups
- iv. Procurement of Reading resources to meet local need and Advocacy and Outreach programmes

(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) & (c) of the Unstarred Question No. †365 for 18.12.2017 on Modernisation of Libraries.

(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
