GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5012
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

SCHEMES UNDER NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES

5012. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

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

(a) whether the progress in implementation of schemes under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) is not satisfactory and if so, the details along with the implementation status thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, scheme-wise;

(b) whether the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) Report on Libraries recommended including libraries in Concurrent List of Constitution to facilitate the coordinated development of libraries across various sectors and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has recently launched the National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) under NML covering thousands of fields, ranging from arts, music, dance, culture, theatre, science and technology to education etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enact a National Public Library Act as only few States have enacted and implemented library legislations and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government for development of the Library Sector including creation of a separate library division in the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

ANSWER

(a) The components of National Mission on Libraries are: -

(i) Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) to facilitate a comprehensive database on digital resources of India on information about India in an open access environment. NVLI will facilitate federated searching through multilingual user interfaces. The project had been entrusted to Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (in collaboration with C-DAC, Pune and IGNOU, Delhi) to be completed in a period of three years (2016-19). A Three Petabyte Datacloud has been established at IIT, Bombay for hosting of NVLI. Soft launch of NVLI has been done on 15th February, 2018.

(ii) Setting up of NML Model Libraries. The NML will cover 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries and 6 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture. So far 41 proposals received from 22 States/UTs for State Central Library/District Library have been sanctioned as per details at **Annexure-I**.

(iii) Quantitative and Qualitative Survey of Libraries to prepare baseline data of libraries in India through a survey of 5000 libraries. The work had been assigned to Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB) which has conducted survey of 5140 Libraries across the States/UTs, 4082 users of public libraries, 1003 users of private libraries and 2035 non-users and submitted its report.

(iv) Capacity Building to enhance the professional competence of library personnel. 18 training programmes have been conducted and 685 library professionals have been trained. IFLIBNET conducted 10 training programmes and Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) has conducted 8 training programmes so far.

(b) National Knowledge Commission in its report on libraries had recommended "In order to facilitate the coordinated development of libraries across different sectors and to provide the legislative framework, required legal support and financial backing to the Library Sector, the Government could, in course of time, consider including libraries in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India. This should be done without in any way abrogating the existing responsibilities of the States towards libraries". No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(c) National Virtual Library of India Portal under the aegis of National Mission on Libraries has been soft launched on 15th February, 2018. This will allow access to various organizations under Ministry of Culture to use it and provide feedback for further improvements in the functionality of NVLI Portal.

NVLI Portal includes data from ten (10) National Museums, ASI Site Museums, ASI Library, National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA), National Cultural Audiovisual Archive (NCAA), NPTEL, Union Catalogue (bibliographic collections from National Libraries), Catalogues of National Archive of India, Open repositories, web crawling of government websites and newspapers, and sample data received from many organizations. Presently the total record count in NVLI is 69,95,669 records.

(d) Library is a State subject thus any Public Library Act has to be enacted by the respective State Governments.

(e) Ministry of Culture has launched the scheme "National Mission on Libraries – Upgradation of Libraries providing Services to the Public" in 2014 for sustained development of Libraries in India. Also Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation under its matching and non-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 etc. As library is a State subject, Government of India cannot enforce any National Level Policy on the States.

Annexure in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5012 for reply on 26.03.2018

	State / UTs	Library Name	Amount sanctioned Rs in Lakh
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	State Central Library, Itanagar	223.00
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	District Library Pasighat	87.00
3	KARNATAKA	State Central Library, Bengaluru	223.00
4	KARNATAKA	Government District Library, Shimoga	87.00
5	MIZORAM	State Central Library, Aizwal	128.70
6	MIZORAM	District Library Building Kolasib.	50.00
7	ODISHA	State Library Odisha, Bhubaneswar	223.00
8	ODISHA	District Library, Ganjam Odisha	40.36
9	RAJASTHAN	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	183.51
10	RAJASTHAN	Sarbajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	63.46
11	TRIPURA	Birchandra State Central Library, Agartala	223.00
12	TRIPURA	Unakoti District Library, Unakoti	87.00
13	UTTAR PRADESH	State Central Library, Allahabad	206.00
14	UTTAR PRADESH	Government District Library, Etawah	87.00
15	WEST BENGAL	West Bengal State Central library, Kolkata	222.81
16	WEST BENGAL	North Bengal State Library, Cooch Behar	86.98
17	TELANGANA	State Central Library Hyderabad	112.25
18	TELANGANA	District Central Library Mahbubnagar	52.00
19	ASSAM	District Library, Jorhat, Assam	40.00
20	ASSAM	District Library, Guwahati, Assam	70.00
21	CHHATTISGARH	District Library, Dantewada	87.00
22	CHHATTISGARH	District Library, Raigarh	87.00
23	GOA	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library, Panaji	223.00
24	GOA	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library, Navelim	87.00

25	GUJARAT	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	106.01
26	ANDHRA PRADESH	State Regional Library, Guntur	50.00
27	ANDHRA PRADESH	Regional Library, Rajamundry	30.00
28	MANIPUR	State Central Library, Imphal, Manipur	40.00
29	MANIPUR	District Library, Senapati, Manipur	20.00
30	TAMILNADU	District Library Vellore, Tamil Nadu	90.00
31	TAMILNADU	District Library Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	70.00
32	KERALA	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	116.61
33	PUDUCHERRY	Romain Rolland Library, Puducherry	166.54
34	PUDUCHERRY	District Library, Karaikal	76.04
35	NAGALAND	State Central Library, Kohima, Nagaland	177.49
36	NAGALAND	District Library, Dimapur	73.81
37	MAHARASHTRA	District Library, Nandurbar, Maharashtra	21.90
38	MAHARASHTRA	Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55
39	SIKKIM	Sikkim State Central Library	3.02
40	MADHYA PRADESH	Govt. District Library, Khandwa, MP	73.20
41	MADHYA PRADESH	Govt. Ahilya Central Library	87.00
	TOTAL		**4242.24**