

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

MODERNISATION OF LIBRARIES

724. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the number of libraries that are maintained by the Government in Delhi;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to modernize these libraries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

ANSWER

(a) Most of Government Public Libraries function under the administrative control of respective State Library authorities. There are three libraries in Delhi under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture namely:-

(i) Delhi Public Library, with its 35 branches in Delhi.

(ii) Central Secretariat Library

(iii) Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

(b) & (c) Modernization of libraries is an ongoing process. Every year fund is provided for computerization, purchase of books, preservation and conservation of books and digitization of books etc. to these libraries. Central Secretariat Library and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library have undertaken digitization of its collection (out of copyright). The catalogue of all the three libraries have been upgraded to electronic format. Delhi Public Library has computerised all its Units and has revamped children and women sections in few of its branches. Delhi Public Library has a network of 100 Mobile Library Service Points including 25 Braille Mobile Library Points.
