

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 849  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

**NATIONAL MISSION FOR MANUSCRIPTS**

849. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) to identify, collect and preserve records of historical importance with an aim to reconstruct the past for the future generations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount released by the Government for this project and the actual amount spent thereon;
- (c) whether these rare archives, documents and other manuscripts will be digitalized and made public;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE &  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**ANSWER**

- (a) In 2003, National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM), a Mission mode Project, was launched by the Ministry of Culture for documentation, conservation, preservation and digitization of manuscripts.
- (b) Till date NMM has documented 43.16 lakh manuscripts, conserved 434.56 lakh folios of manuscripts, digitized 283 lakh pages of 2.96 lakh manuscripts and published 44 rare and unpublished manuscripts.

From its inception in 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018, an amount of ₹ 9666 lakh was released by the Ministry of Culture and an amount of ₹ 9544 lakh was spent on it.

- (c) The manuscripts documented and digitized by the NMM will be made available to researcher and scholars through a Trusted Digital Repository.
- (d) The ultimate object of the Mission is to establish a Digital Manuscripts Repository at IGNCA in which researchers and scholars can view and consult the manuscripts to understand our past in its totality.
- (e) Does not arise.

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