

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1351
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

DOCUMENTATION OF ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS

1351. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mission for Documentation of Ancient Manuscripts has completed its tenure and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has been able to document valuable ancient manuscripts from all Indian languages including Tamil, Malayalam and Sanskrit and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether valuable manuscripts containing the practice of Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines have also been documented and if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

ANSWER

- (a) The National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was established in 2003 covering the 10th plan period i.e. up to 31-03-2007. The tenure of the Mission was extended by the Ministry of Culture twice over the 11th and 12th plan periods i.e. up to 31-03-2017. At present, tenure of the Mission stands extended till 31-03-2020.
- (b) The Mission documents Indian Manuscripts in all Indian languages. Till date it has documented 43.16 lakhs Manuscripts including Manuscripts in Tamil, Malayalam and Sanskrit languages. The details are as under:
 - i. Number of Tamil Manuscripts documented - 139552
 - ii. Number of Malayalam Manuscripts documented – 120641
 - iii. Number of Sanskrit Manuscripts documented - 1702754
- (c) Yes Madam, National Mission for Manuscripts has documented 183210 Manuscripts on Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines so far.
