

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 33
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

DIGITISATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

33: SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has the largest collection of manuscripts in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present policy for the conservation/safety and digitization of manuscript heritage of the country;
- (c) the number of manuscripts documented, digitized and conserved till date; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a): Madam, it is possible that India may be the home to the largest collection of manuscripts in the world, however no comparative global study on manuscripts, by this Ministry is available.
- (b): Ministry of Culture launched National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) in 2003 for documentation, conservation/preservation and digitization of manuscripts. Till date it has documented about 43.16 lakh Manuscripts in different scripts and languages.

For conservation and preservation of manuscripts, the cases are dealt on the basis of availability and accessibility. For conservation of manuscripts, NMM follows the guidelines prepared by National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property (NRLC), Lucknow.
- (c): Till date 43.16 lakh manuscripts have been documented. Preventive conservation of 39275570 folios and curative conservation of 3656863 folios manuscripts has been done till date. Digitization of 2.83 lakh manuscripts consisting of 2.93 crore pages of manuscripts has been done.
- (d): The details of funds allocated in this regard during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise details are given in **Annexure A**.

The details of the amount of funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year 2018-19

(Rupees in Lakhs)

State	Fund allotted & utilized in 2015-16	Fund allotted & utilized in 2016-17	Fund allotted & utilized in 2017-18	Fund allotted in 2018-19
Andhra Pradesh	9.50	37.35	29.8	10
Assam	4.50	7	4.9	7.5
Bihar	27.00	30.5	33.03	14.29
Delhi		9.5		2.5
Gujarat		2.5		2.5
Haryana	7.00	14	6.85	3.4
Himachal Pradesh	14.00	19	25.98	11.77
Jammu & Kashmir	16.00	18	9.5	6.63
Karnataka	27.30	28	10	21.3
Kerala	21.00	23	10.5	16.41
Madhya Pradesh	7.00	7	4.5	4.3
Maharashtra	13.15	7	10.5	12
Manipur	7.50	7.5	12	5
Mizoram	3.50	0.49	8	7
Odisha	39.64	41.9	37.9	15
Punjab			5.00	5
Rajasthan	14.50	21.5	14.5	13.13
Sikkim	2.64		5	5
Tamilnadu	14.00	12	13.5	8.8
Tripura	2.50	10		
Uttarpradesh	43.50	49.25	27.91	27.04
Uttarakhand	23.50	16.06		
West Bengal		27.64	14.37	10
	297.73	389.19	283.74	208.57