

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

CREATION OF NATIONAL VIRTUAL LIBRARY

61. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for the creation of the National Virtual Library of India (NVLI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and salient features of NVLI;
- (c) whether the Government has any record regarding the amount earmarked and spent for the implementation of NVLI project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any details regarding the progress of the implementation of NVLI project and targets achieved thereunder so far and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has set any timeframe for the completion of the NVLI project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken/being taken by the Government for completing the project in a time-bound manner?

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ANSWER

- (a) Yes Madam, creation of National Virtual Library of India is one of the components of National Mission on Libraries.

(b)The objective of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) is to facilitate creation of a comprehensive database on digital resources of India on information about India in an open access environment. Salient features of NVLI are : -

- Federated searching through multilingual user interfaces.
- Virtual learning environment
- E-Governance platform facilitating data analytics
- Multilingual searching and retrieval on ontology/thesaurus based.

(c)The project of creation of National Virtual Library of India costing Rs.72.34 crore had been entrusted to IIT Bombay (in collaboration with C-DAC, Pune and IGNOU, Delhi). An amount of Rs.71.78 crore has been released by Government to IIT Bombay till date.

(d)The core software application and cloud infrastructure for NVLI has been developed. Soft launch of NVLI has been done on 15th February, 2018. Harvesting of Metadata and its curation is on.

(e)& (f) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between National Mission on Libraries and IIT Bombay on 26.04.2016, the time frame for completion of the project by IIT Bombay is 3 years. The Ministry of Culture continuously monitors the progress of the NVLI project.
