GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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PROGRESS MADE UNDER NATIONAL VIRTUAL LIBRARY OF INDIA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) the details of progress made under the National Virtual Library of India which was established to facilitate the creation of a comprehensive database on digital resources of India in an open access environment;

b) the benefits realized thereof along with the expected outcome of it;

c) whether the Government intends to take further measures in this respect; and

d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM and
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) National Virtual Library of India now called Indian Culture Portal (ICP) has been developed in collaboration with IIT Bombay and launched on 10.12.2019 by the then Hon'ble Culture Minister, to showcase all forms of tangible and intangible cultural heritage of India in an open access environment. The URL is https://indianculture.gov.in which is available on public domain. The details of progress made so far is summarized at **Annexure-A**.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

Annexure Referred to in Reply to Part (a) and (b) in respect of
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- It has a total of about 3.18 lakh digital records along with metadata. It also has more than 34.91 lakh bibliographic records.

- The content is available in 18 curated categories, such as Rare Books, E-Books, Archives, Gazettes and Gazetteers, Manuscripts, Museum Collections, Paintings, Audios, Intangible Cultural Heritage, Photo Archives, Images, Videos, UNESCO, Research Papers, Indian National Bibliography, Reports and Proceedings, Union Catalogue, Other Collections.

- It also has 12 categories of created content, such as Stories, Snippets, Photo essays, Forts of India, Textiles and Fabrics of India, Historic Cities of India, Musical Instruments of India, Food and Culture, Virtual Walkthroughs, Freedom Archive-Unsung Heroes, The North-East Archive, Ajanta Caves.

- The portal is currently available in English and Hindi.

- No registration or log in is required to access the portal.

- The portal can be accessed through an App called Indian Culture, available on both Android phones and iPhone.

- The portal is accessible through the Umang App.

- The website has more than 62 lakh visitors since the date of launch from India as well as abroad such as United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and many other countries.

- The website also recorded peak hits of more than 24,000 users visiting the website on a single day.

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