

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-828
ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2022

PALM LEAF MANUSCRIPTS

828. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to promote digitalization of palm leaf manuscripts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to promote preservation of palm leaf manuscripts in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c) Yes, sir. As per information received from the Ministry of Culture, the Government of India through the Ministry of Culture has established National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) with a mandate to document, conserve, digitize the manuscript heritage of India. The NMM promotes the digitization of all manuscripts that includes Palm Leaf Manuscript as well with the help of Manuscripts Resource Centres (MRCs) and Manuscripts Conservation Centers (MCCs) all over India. As of now, NMM has more than 90 MRCs and MCCs across the nation which are engaged in the task of Documentation, Conservation and Digitization of Manuscripts.
