

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3054
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**MODERNISATION AND INFRASTRUCTURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL LIBRARIES**

3054. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
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Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Central Libraries across the country especially in Bilaspur Parliamentary Constituency of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any plan for modernization and infrastructural development of the Central Libraries during the current digital era;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by the Government for introducing new innovative technologies in all libraries in order to meet the challenges posed by services/products like Google, Wiki, Quora, social media and e-Resources etc.?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM and
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) Library is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India and Public Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State / Union Territory Authority. However, the following 7 Libraries are functioning under Ministry of Culture:-

- i. National Library, Kolkata
- ii. Central Reference Library, Kolkata
- iii. Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi

- iv. Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, U. P.
- v. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar
- vi. Delhi Public Library, Delhi
- vii. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata

There is no library under this Ministry in Bilaspur Parliamentary Constituency of Chhattisgarh.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under 'Setting up of NML Model Library' component, provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State / UT, as per the recommendation of the State Authority concerned for modernization and infrastructure development.

Also, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Culture, through its matching and non-matching schemes provides financial assistance to public Libraries for various purposes e.g. construction / renovation of library buildings, up-gradation of infrastructure with furniture and equipment, modernization, procurement of books and reading resources, organization of seminar / training and capacity building of library professionals / workshop / outreach programmes, establishment of children corner, opening of various sections, creating facilities for specially-abled, brail corner etc.

The details of these schemes are available on the website of RRRLF (www.rrrlf.nic.in).
