

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023**

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR NATIONAL MISSION FOR LIBRARIES

4275. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

- a) the budget allocation for libraries in the Budget including the National Mission for Libraries, during the last five years;
- b) the details of the total amount utilized under the budget allocation for libraries;
- c) the details and objectives of various schemes that promote reading and the setting up of libraries;
- d) the details of vacant posts in the National Libraries directly funded by the Union Government;
- e) whether any steps are taken/being taken by the Government to build and develop public libraries; and
- f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM and
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(a) & (b) the details of budget allocation including National Mission for Libraries, and the total amount utilized under the budget allocation, during the last five years are at **Annexure-A**.

(c) 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.

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, runs various matching and non-matching schemes for providing financial assistance to public Libraries.

The details and objectives of National Mission on Libraries (NML) and the details of various schemes of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation are at **Annexure-B**.

Apart from this, the Libraries under this Ministry organizes various outreach programmes such as Book Exhibition, Digital Display of Books, Meet the Author, Lecture, & enhance the membership and other types of programmes to promote reading.

(d) The details of vacant post are at **Annexure-C**.

(e) & (f) Same as reply of (c) above.

Annexure-A

Annexure Referred to in Reply to Part (a) in respect of
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Budget Allocation for last five year (2018-19 to 2022-2023)

(Rs.in lakhs)

SI.No.	Name of the Organizations	Years														
		2018-19			2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23 (as on 22.03.2023)		
		BE	RE	Released / utilized	BE	RE	Released / utilized	BE	RE	Released / utilized	BE	RE	Released / utilized	BE	RE	Released / utilized
1.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata	5129.06	5129.06	5216.36	5129.06	4324.06	4315.31	5338.40	2336.90	2002.02	2707.00	2707.00	2656.21	2752.00	3319.00	3318.74
2.	Delhi Public Library, Delhi	3007.84	3790.84	3944.92	2957.84	2607.84	2596.41	3167.69	3091.69	3508.31	3627.00	3237.00	3242.62	3367.00	3252.00	3252.00
3.	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna	623.25	623.25	528.99	583.25	508.25	477.40	586.89	531.39	500.50	632.50	544.50	544.50	580.50	595.50	595.50
4.	Rampur Raza Library, Rampur	714.97	714.97	700.85	650.97	552.97	551.98	646.05	574.40	574.00	702.00	651.50	596.70	672.00	652.00	652.00
5.	Central Reference Library, Kolkata	461.83	492.83	411.71	512.56	453.56	413.81	545.46	471.25	387.60	558.21	512.67	418.20	561.50	495.50	450.26
6.	National Library, Kolkata	5707.50	5676.50	5273.51	5277.33	3515.96	4365.96	4724.68	3864.50	3545.84	4628.86	5005.32	4393.22	6189.50	5979.50	4497.24
7.	Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi	372.00	202.00	184.65	210.00	154.00	150.50	186.00	146.00	131.65	166.00	184.00	182.73	213.00	235.00	231.84
8.	National Mission on Libraries	9981.00	3992.00	276.30	11851.00	73.00	-	38.00	0.00	-	62.00	165.00	152.16	2285.00	1910.00	1600.00

Annexure Referred to in Reply to Part (c) in respect of
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Objective of National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme

The broad objectives of the scheme inter alia include sustained development of libraries & information services in pursuance of National Knowledge Commission's recommendations. This Mission has 4 components:-

a. **Creation of National Virtual Library of India** - The Objective is to give an open access user-friendly federated search mechanism (Interface) where users can have easy access to knowledge and information as well as to the diverse culture of India.

b. **Setting up of NML Model Library** - The objective is to provide financial assistance for i) Up-gradation of Infrastructure, ii) Modernization of Technology, iii) Creation of Facilities for Specially abled users and iv) Advocacy & Outreach programs. During the 12th five year plan it was decided to provide financial assistance grants to 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries selected by the state government of each state / UT and 6 libraries under the Ministry of Culture.

c. **Quantitative and Qualitative Survey** - The objective is to acquire descriptive statistic of the public and other libraries of the country to study the existing infrastructure and services of the public libraries and satisfaction, perception of the citizens.

d. **Capacity Building** - The objective is to provide training to the Library Personnel, students of library science who have just completed B. Lib. Sc./M.Lib.Sc. in order to sensitize the library service providers with professional skills as well as to apprise them with the latest technology .

Objective of Matching and Non-Matching schemes of Rammohun Roy Library Foundation

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 purpose 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).

ANNEXURE-C

Annexure Referred to in Reply to Part (d) in respect of
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Vacancy Position of all Libraries under Ministry of Culture

Name of the Library	Group	Sanctioned Strength	Existing Position	Vacant
National Library	Group A	7	32	5
	Group B	137	114	23
	Group C	290	190	100
	Group C (Canteen)	19	6	13
	Total	453	312	141
Central Reference Library	Group A	1	0	1
	Group B	28	14	14
	Group C	34	25	9
	Total	63	41	22
Central Secretariat Library	Group A	3	1	2
	Group B	22	15	7
	Group C	6	1	5
	Total	31	17	14
Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation	Group A	6	4	2
	Group B	32	20	12
	Group C	30	17	13
	Total	68	41	27
Rampur Raza Library	Group A	2	1	1
	Group B	6	2	4
	Group C	23	20	3
	Total	31	23	8
Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library	Group A	2	1	1
	Group B	17	6	11
	Group C	33	19	14
	Total	56	30	26
Delhi Public Library	Group A	5	3	2
	Group B	85	45	40
	Group C	184	104	80
	Total	274	152	122
