

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.592  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES**

592. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:  
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake a Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries to prepare a baseline data of libraries in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the details of other proposed measures to be taken by the Government to promote development of libraries in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Public Libraries was undertaken under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) in all major States / Union Territories of India to collect statistics about the public Libraries, for assessing the existing infrastructure of the libraries, to study the pattern of library usage and also to take feedback from the citizens regarding services required etc.

Data were collected from 5140 Libraries and 7120 citizens. The Survey report has been uploaded on the website of RRRLF ([www.rrrlf.nic.in](http://www.rrrlf.nic.in)) - a nodal agency for the National Mission on Libraries.

(c) Not applicable

(d) Ministry of Culture through its scheme called National Mission on Libraries (NML), provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State / UT for up-gradation of infrastructure & modernization of libraries.

Also, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture provides financial assistance under Matching & Non-Matching schemes for development of public library services in collaboration with State / UT library authorities.

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