

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

**ACTION TAKEN ON REPORT ON FUNCTIONING OF
CENTRAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SYSTEM**

1645 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ministry has taken any action on the report on "Functioning of Central Libraries in the Country";
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the status thereon;
- c) whether the Government has taken any initiative to set up a Committee to draft National Policy on Library and Information System and if so, the details thereof;
- d) if not, the reasons therefor and the other steps being taken by the Government for development of Library Sector in the country;
- e) whether implementation of the National Mission on Libraries has been slow; and
- f) if so, the details of current status, component-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Action Taken by the Government on the Report on the subject 'Functioning of Central Libraries in the Country' (310th Report of Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture) (DRPSC) has been presented to the Rajya Sabha and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 13.12.2022 as 328th Report of said DRPSC.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The objective of National Policy on Library and Information System (NAPLIS), as envisaged by the Committee on NAPLIS, formed in 1985 under the chairmanship of Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya, viz to foster, promote and sustain the organizations, availability and use of information and to take steps for mobilizing and upgrading the existing Library and Information system and services, taking advantage of the latest advances of the technology; and training of library & information personnel, have been fulfilled with the implementation of National Mission on Libraries (NML), especially through National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) component, under which Indian Culture Portal (ICP) was developed and launched. The ICP is available on public domain at <https://indianculture.gov.in/>.

For development of Library Sector in the country, 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, and 6 libraries identified by Ministry of Culture, for modernization and infrastructure development.

Besides, 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.

(e) & (f) No Sir.