

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 542**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

**DIGITISATION OF MANUSCRIPTS**

542. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the valuable manuscripts containing the practice of Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines were documented and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of rare archives, documents and other manuscripts that have been digitized during each of the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G.KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, through National Mission for Manuscripts has documented 5.2 million manuscripts, conserved 90 million folios and digitized 3.5 crore pages of Manuscripts Heritage of India. The National Mission for Manuscripts has already uploaded 1,20,000 manuscripts on its website, out of which around 70,000 are available in public domain free of cost for the research fraternity. The Siddha and Ayurvedic Manuscripts are part of the database. Due to covid 19, the National Mission for Manuscripts has not been able to digitize the manuscripts in the last three years. However, it has been dedicatedly involved in conservation and documentation of manuscripts.

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