

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2207  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

**INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE LIBRARIES IN RURAL AREAS**

2207. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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

- (a) the details of readership in public libraries across India during the last ten years;
- (b) whether the Government plans to install web-based learning/ reading facilities in all libraries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has planned to introduce Mobile Libraries in the rural areas of the country to promote reading habits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**ANSWER**

- (a) & (b) Library is a State subject. It functions under the administrative control of the respective State/UT library authorities. Therefore, the Ministry of Culture does not maintain the details of readership in public libraries across India and no such plan to install web-based learning/reading facilities in all libraries is under consideration of Ministry of Culture.
- (c) & (d) Library is a State subject. It functions under the administrative control of the respective State/UT library authorities. However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture provides financial assistance for Mobile Library Services through its Matching Scheme of 'Assistance towards Development of Rural Book Deposit Centres and Mobile Library Service' on the recommendation of the respective State/UT library authority. Delhi Public Library, an autonomous organization under administrative control of Ministry of Culture is providing Mobile Libraries in rural parts of Delhi.