

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1281  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ASIATIC LIBRARY**

1281. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

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

- (a) the number of libraries which have been accorded status of Institution of National Importance in our country since independence;
- (b) whether there are any plans to accord status of Institution of National Importance to Asiatic Library in Mumbai;
- (c) if so, the details thereof.
- (d) whether the employees working in Asiatic Library, Mumbai have not been paid full salary for almost one year and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the employees have served the notice of agitation for their non-payment of salary and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the quantum and details of financial assistance given by the Ministry of Culture or Government of India to this historical library; and
- (f) the details of other institutes who provide financial assistance to Asiatic Library?

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

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**ANSWER**

- (a) There are 3 libraries namely (i) National Library, Kolkata; (ii) Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh and (iii) Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna which have been accorded status of Institution of National Importance since independence.
- (b) to (f) The 'Asiatic Library, Mumbai' is not funded or administered by the Ministry of Culture.  
Moreover, Libraries is a state subject as per the Constitution of India.