

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022**

LAUNCH OF 'EVERY VILLAGE HAS A LIBRARY' PROJECT

2852. SHRI B. B. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to launch a mega project of "Every Village has a Library" in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enact a National Public Library Act as only few States have enacted and implemented library legislation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government for development of the Library Sector in the country?

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Because, Library is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of Constitution of India and public Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory authority, except the ones declared by or under law made by Parliament to be of national importance.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) As Library is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of Constitution of India, public Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory authority.

However, Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML), 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. Also, 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 purpose 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.