

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3532**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

NATIONAL MISSION FOR MANUSCRIPTS

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SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE
संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) and if so, the details including the aims and objective thereof;

(b) whether NMM has been able to achieve the objective for which the NMM was established and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount released by the Government for NMM during each of the last three years and the current year and the actual amount spent thereon;

(d) whether the valuable manuscripts containing the practice of Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines were documented and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of rare archives, documents and other manuscripts that have been digitized during each of the last three years and the current year?

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ANSWER

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The main objectives of National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) is to survey, document, conserve, preserve, publish, digitize and establish a digital manuscripts library at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). The mission has been merged with IGNCA vide Ministry of Culture's letter No. Akad.25/4/2019-Akad./194 dated 08.04.2021 & the expenditure is being made under the General fund of IGNCA thereafter. In order to achieve its objectives, various activities, awareness programmes, workshops, seminars etc. are undertaken by NMM regularly.

Major achievements of NMM are as follows :

1. Documentation of manuscripts: 44,44,636
2. Conservation of manuscripts: 89.00 million folios
3. Digitization of manuscripts: 343.54 lakh pages
4. Publication of rare manuscripts: 110
5. Publication of newsletter "Kriti Rakshana": 75

6. Reprinting of Mongolian Kanjur: 108 volumes
7. Workshop on Manuscriptology & Paleography: 103
8. Conservation workshop: 258
9. Seminar: 76
10. Tattvabodha lecture conducted: 128

(c) & (d) The details regarding total amount released by the Govt. to NMM during the last three years and the current year are given at **Annexure-I**. Till date, the following documentation have been completed :

1. Siddha manuscripts: 1050
2. Ayurvedic medicines manuscripts: 139774

(e) Till date, the NMM has documented 45 lakh manuscript data which also contains Siddha and Ayurveda Manuscripts.

List of Institutes digitized during last 3 year :-

1. Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Kolkata, West Bengal
2. Dwarkadhish Sanskrit Academy, Dwarka, Gujarat
3. Chunnilal Institute of Indology, Gujrat
4. Kavikulguru Kalidas University, Ramtek, Maharashtra
5. Nakshatra Vedshala, DevPrayag, Uttrakhand
6. Madhavrao Spare Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
7. Sanskrit Sahitya Parishad, Kolkata, West Bengal
8. Nashika Private Collection, Maharashtra
9. Bhaduri Collection, Ramnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Annexure-I

DETAILS OF AMOUNT RELEASED TO THE NMM BY THE GOVT.

(Rs In Lakhs)

Financial Year	Unspent balance carried forward	Grant received	Total Amount	Expenditure
2019-20	438.33	333.33	771.66	632.62
2020-21	191.03	368.30	559.33	463.72
2021-22	*	200.00 (For Thailand and Vietnam) implementation works are in progress		536.79

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