

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

PROMOTION OF LIBRARIES UNDER NML

**2212. SHRI THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:
SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:**

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

- a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of libraries in the country, State-wise;
- b) the number of Central Libraries and District Libraries set up or proposed to be set up and promoted by the Government in the country including Tamil Nadu State under the National Mission on Libraries, State-wise;
- c) the details of financial assistance provided and spent so far for setting up of libraries in the country;
- d) whether the Government has allocated funds for the development, restoration, renovation and maintenance of Saraswathi Mahal Library and the world renowned Connemara Library Building in Chennai, if so the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- e) whether the Government proposes to develop Central Library located in the premises of Lalit Narayan Mithila University as well as the one located at Lalbagh, Darbhanga namely Lakshmeshwar Singh Library under Central National Mission Library; and
- f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- a) As per the Seventh schedule of Constitution of India, Library is a State subject and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory Authorities.

Increasing the number of Libraries in the country, therefore, falls under the purview of the respective States/UTs.

- b) & c) As mentioned in (a) above, setting up of libraries comes under the purview of the respective States/UTs. However, Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under its 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 Authorities concerned and 6 Libraries under Ministry of Culture. The details of financial assistance provided to States/UTs, including Tamil Nadu under NML Scheme is annexed at **Annexure-A**.
- d) No. It may, however, please be seen from the **Annexure-A** that District Library, Tiruchirappalli and District Library, Vellore in the State of Tamil Nadu have been provided the Financial Assistance of Rs.68.16 Lakhs and Rs.79.27 Lakhs respectively.
- e) No such proposal has been received.
- f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

Annexure referred to in Reply to Part (c&d) in respect of Lok Sabha
Unstarred Question Dy. No.5918 to be answered on 09.12.2024

(A) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SETTINGUP OF NML MODEL LIBRARY IN VARIOUS STATES / UTs

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl No	State	Name of the Library	Amt. Sanctioned	Total Payment Released
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	State Central Library, Port Blair	223.00	0.00
2	Andaman & Nicobar Island	District Library, Car Nicobar	87.00	0.00
3	*Andhra Pradesh	State Regional Library, Guntur	50.00	0.00
4	*Andhra Pradesh	Regional Library, Rajamundry	30.00	0.00
5	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	223.00	219.71
6	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	87.00	84.90
7	*Assam	District Library, Jorhat, Assam	40.00	39.99
8	*Assam	District Library, Guwahati, Assam	70.00	69.59
9	*Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui, Bihar	81.41	62.21
10	*Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali	87.00	50.00
11	Chandigarh	Central State Library, Chandigarh	164.50	0.00
12	Chandigarh	Divisional Library	82.72	0.00
13	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh	87.00	41.32
14	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu	87.00	0.00
15	Daman & Diu	Central Library, Daman	223.00	0.00
16	Goa	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library	87.00	3.38
17	Goa	KrishnadasShama State Central Library	223.00	21.68
18	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	104.04	101.00
19	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar	87.00	87.00
20	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.	223.00	122.65
21	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul	84.00	46.20
22	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur	86.87	74.66
23	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan	223.00	0.00
24	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	223.00	100.00
25	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	32.50	0.00
26	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad	223.00	0.00
27	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau	87.00	0.00
28	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	223.00	200.00

29	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga	87.00	79.26
30	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	116.61	116.61
31	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	37.50	22.55
32	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	168.00	0.00
33	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	27.64	0.00
34	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	73.20	65.59
35	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	87.00	43.67
36	*Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar, Maharastra	21.90	18.43
37	*Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55	57.21
38	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal, Manipur	218.87	45.25
39	Manipur	District Library, Senapati, Manipur	85.54	1.00
40	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	223.00	27.77
41	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	87.00	0.00
42	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal, Mizoram	141.24	137.04
43	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib, Mizoram	50.00	50.00
44	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima	177.49	175.48
45	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur	73.81	69.75
46	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar	223.00	133.00
47	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam	40.36	0.00
48	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library,	166.47	142.37
49	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	76.04	66.17
50	Punjab	Guru Nanak District Library, Kapurthala	87.00	0.00
51	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala	223.00	0.00
52	Rajasthan	Dr. RadhakrishnanRajyaKendriyaPustakalaya, Jaipur	183.51	94.81
53	Rajasthan	RajakiyaSarvajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	63.46	63.21
54	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	217.20	65.30
55	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	86.58	10.78
56	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu	70.00	68.16
57	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore, Tamil Nadu	87.00	79.27
58	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar	52.00	50.00
59	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	112.25	103.72
60	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	223.00	222.93
61	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	87.00	86.92
62	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Prayagraj	206.00	203.75
63	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah	87.00	85.93
64	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman	86.20	50.00

		Pustakalaya, New Tehri		
65	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library	222.81	219.82
66	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	86.98	79.73
			7,952.25	4,059.77

*Since, the States of Andhra Pradesh; Assam; Bihar and Maharashtra do not have Central Libraries, hence two District Libraries in each these states have been identified.

(B) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SETTING UP OF NML MODEL LIBRARY TO MoC IDENTIFIED LIBRARIES:-

Sl.No	Name of the MoC identified Library	Amt. Sanctioned	Total Payment Released
1	National Library, Kolkata	431.04	84.67
2	Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi	207.38	126.28
3	Delhi Public Library, New Delhi	391.37	274.19
4	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna (Bihar)	398.78	199.39
5	Thanjavur MSSM Library, Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu)	715.20	667.48
6	Rampur Raza Library, Rampur (Uttar Pradesh)	724.20	0.00
	Total	2867.97	1352.01

Total amount sanctioned (A) + (B) = Rs. 10820.22 Lakhs

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