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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2231**

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National Digital Library for Children and Adolescents

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Shri Praveen Patel:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to establish National Digital Library for Children and adolescents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives of setting up of such library; and
- (d) the progress made by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Shri Jayant Chaudhary)

(a) To (d) Yes, Union Budget 2023-24 in its para 33 and 34 has mentioned the setting up of National Digital library for Children and Adolescents. Budget Speech (2023-24) of Hon'ble Finance Minister is available on the link given below:
https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/budget_speech.pdf

The primary objective of the proposed paras 33 and 34 is to generate curiosity and motivation for learning among students at all levels and make available enjoyable and inspirational books for holistic development. The aim of setting up of National Digital Library especially for children and adolescents is to facilitate availability of quality books across geographies, languages, genres and levels, and device agnostic accessibility.

In pursuance to the Budget Announcement, Union Minister for Education launched the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya app on 10th Feb 2024. The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya app is being implemented by Department of School Education & Literacy with the support of National Book Trust, New Delhi

Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya today has a repository of more than 1000 books and can be accessed digitally through Android, iOS and Web formats free of cost. The applications has already been downloaded by more than 1.8 Lakhs readers and about 8.4 Lakhs reading sessions have been recorded.
