

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2025**

GYAN BHARAT MISSION

1710. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Gyan Bharat Mission will cover more than one crore manuscripts;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government is taking any steps in deciphering the scripts of the Indus Valley Civilization for everyone to understand;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) Whether the Government is aware that the State Government of Tamil Nadu is putting a lot of efforts for decoding Indus Valley Scripts?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, the Gyan Bharatam Mission is an initiative under the Ministry of Culture that seeks to document, digitize, and preserve India's vast manuscript heritage. It aims to cover more than one crore manuscripts across the country. The mission includes a comprehensive survey, registration, conservation, and digitization of manuscripts housed in various institutions, libraries, and private collections.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Culture through the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has taken some initiatives towards deciphering the Indus Script and exploring its connections to other ancient scripts. The activities to promote research into deciphering the Indus Script, include organizing seminars and publishing relevant works etc. Prime objective of the Epigraphy Branch of the ASI is also to study ancient scripts and advancing research in this area.
- (e) Ministry of Culture appreciates and encourages regional initiatives that contribute to national and global knowledge.