

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1726
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

NATIONAL LIBRARY MISSION

†1726. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government plans to provide financial assistance to the State Central Library and District Library in every State and Union Territory of the country under the National Library Mission;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government has any proposal to digitize libraries across the country; and
- d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such libraries that are planned to be digitized?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, financial assistance is provided under National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme. An amount of Rs.4822.16 lakh (Central + State share) stands released under the Mission from 2014-15 to February 2025, out of which Central share amounts to Rs.3860.25 lakh.

(c) & (d) Digitization of Seven Libraries under jurisdiction of this Ministry is a continuous process. Indian Culture Portal (<https://indianculture.gov.in/>) is already in place as a repository of digitized documents. Digitization may include use of software for Library Management Services, issuing of smart cards for issuing/receipt of books, digitization of Copyright Free Manuscripts, Rare Books, Rare Documents, Old Journals, Record of History and other Materials.