

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2641  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025**

**CENTRAL BOOK SELECTION SCHEME UNDER RRRLF**

**2641. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:**

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

- a) the timeline for pending cases of selection/procurement of books under the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) be cleared;
- b) the reasons for keeping the selection of books under the scheme pending since the last five years; and
- c) the number of cases of books that are pending selection under the RRRLF?

**ANSWER**

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

- a) As per the guidelines of the Central Book Selection Scheme (CBS) of RRRLF, there is no specific timeline for the selection and procurement of books.
- b) Keeping in view that there is no specific timeline for the selection and procurement of books, the question of delay does not arise.
- c) RRRLF continuously receives sample copies of books from publishers and authors throughout the year. Once a decision is made to proceed with book selection, a notification is released on the RRRLF website mentioning the last date for book submission, and the formal processing (checking and data entry) of received books is initiated. Presently, the Foundation is in receipt of approximately 5,000 books from publishers and authors.