

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.89
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES

89. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA

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

- a) whether the Government has taken any measures to increase the number of libraries under its purview during the last ten years, if so, the details thereof;
- b) the details of all libraries under the Ministry of Culture; and
- c) whether any funds have been allocated for the development of the existing libraries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- a) Library is a State subject as per the Seventh schedule, under article 246th of Constitution of India, and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory Authorities.

Ministry of Culture through Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an Autonomous Body under this Ministry, provides financial assistance to public Libraries for various purpose e.g. construction/renovation of library buildings, up-gradation of infrastructure with furniture and equipment, modernization, procurement of books and reading resources, organization of seminar/training and capacity building of library professionals / workshop / outreach programmes, establishment of children corner, opening of various sections, creating facilities for specially-abled, brail corner etc.

Number of Library Assisted by RRRLF in last 10 years: -

Sl No.	Year	No. of libraries Assisted
1.	2014-15	19,707
2.	2015-16	23,306
3.	2016-17	22,744
4.	2017-18	19,084
5.	2018-19	12,070
6.	2019-20	6,735
7.	2020-21	24,831
8.	2021-22	24,106
9.	2022-23	4,675
10.	2023-24	7,010

National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under this Ministry also provides Financial Assistance for i) Up-gradation of Infrastructure, ii) Modernization of Technology & Modernization of Services, iii) Creation of Facilities for Specially abled users and iv) Subscription of E-journals/ E-books for selected Libraries under NML, v) Network Connectivity for District Libraries, vi) Procurement of Reading resources and Advocacy & Outreach programs etc. to 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries selected by the State Government of each State / UT and 6 libraries identified by this Ministry. Under this Scheme, State Governments are required to share the expenditure with National Mission on Libraries (NML) in the form of Central Fund in the ratio of 25%: 75% for the other States and in the ratio of 10%: 90% for NE States.

b) There are 7 MoC libraries/organizations under the Ministry of Culture as follows:-

- i. National Library, Kolkata
- ii. Central Reference Library, Kolkata
- iii. Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi
- iv. Delhi Public Library, Delhi
- v. Rampur Raza Library, Rampur. U. P.
- vi. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar
- vii. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata

c) With reference to (b) above, grants are given to these organizations by the Ministry to meet their administrative as well as development needs. The details of funds allocated to these organizations during the last 5 years may be seen at **Annexure-A**.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in Reply to Part (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.89 to be answered on 03.02.2025: -

Expenditure details of Libraries from 2019 to 2024

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	National Library, Kolkata	2019-20	5277.33
2.		2020-21	4724.68
3.		2021-22	4628.86
4.		2022-23	6189.50
5.		2023-24	6449.50

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	Central Reference Library, Kolkata	2019-20	513.00
2.		2020-21	545.00
3.		2021-22	558.00
4.		2022-23	561.00
5.		2023-24	618.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial year	BE
1.	Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi	2019-20	210.00
2.		2020-21	186.00
3.		2021-22	166.00
4.		2022-23	213.00
5.		2023-24	295.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata	2019-20	5129.06
2.		2020-21	5338.40
3.		2021-22	2707.00
4.		2022-23	2752.00
5.		2023-24	3367.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	Delhi Public Library, Delhi	2019-20	2957.84
2.		2020-21	3167.69
3.		2021-22	3627.00
4.		2022-23	3367.00
5.		2023-24	3558.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	Khuda Bakhsh	2019-20	583.25
2.	Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar	2020-21	586.89
3.		2021-22	632.50
4.		2022-23	580.50
5.		2023-24	622.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Financial Year	BE
1.	Rampur Raza	2019-20	650.97
2.	Library, Rampur, U.P.	2020-21	646.05
3.		2021-22	702.00
4.		2022-23	672.00
5.		2023-24	662.00