

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†941
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025**

NATIONAL LIBRARY MISSION

**†941. SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:
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SMT. KAMLESH JANGDE:**

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

- a) the details of special facilities created for the specially-abled groups under the NML Model Library under the National Library Mission;
- b) the manner in which the Government engages or is likely to engage local communities to ensure that the libraries effectively meet the specific need of the said individuals;
- c) whether the Government proposes Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to develop the infrastructure and technology of National libraries in the future;
- d) if so, the details thereof, and
- e) the steps taken by the Government to develop the infrastructure and technology of libraries in Chhattisgarh under the National Library Mission?

ANSWER

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

- a) Creation of facilities for specially-abled groups is a continuous process. To name a few, the facilities like Talking Books, Braille Books, Computer Screen Reading and Text to Speech Software, Text to Braille Converter Software, Braille Printer / Embosser, Scanners, Headphones, Ramps, Wheelchairs, Lifts etc. are created.
- b) This is ensured through number of ways, namely organizing lecture, book exhibition, cultural programmes & public grievance committees.
- c) No, Sir.
- d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.
- e) Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme provided financial assistance of Rs.41.32 lakh for upgradation of infrastructure to District Library, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.