

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.\*120  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

**NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES**

**\*120 SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

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

- a) whether the Government is implementing the National Mission on Libraries to strengthen library services across the country, especially in Madhya Pradesh;
- b) if so, whether the Government has upgraded libraries in the districts of Katni, Panna, and the town of Khajuraho in the Khajuraho Lok Sabha constituency; and
- c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to improve library infrastructure and services in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**

**(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA  
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(a) & (b) As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, libraries fall under the State subject in the Seventh Schedule, with public libraries functioning under the administrative control of the respective State or Union Territory authorities. In support of this sector, the Ministry of Culture implements the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under which financial assistance is provided for the “Up-gradation of existing libraries under the NML Model Library” component. Assistance is extended to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/UT, based on recommendations from the respective State authorities and subject to availability of State funds, in addition to six libraries identified by the Ministry. This component focuses on four key areas: improvement of infrastructure, up-gradation of technology and modernization of services, creation of facilities for specially-abled groups, and procurement of reading resources to meet local needs along with advocacy and outreach programmes.

As per the guidelines of the National Mission on Libraries (NML), financial assistance is admissible for the upgradation of one State Central Library and one District Library per State/UT. Accordingly, the Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted proposals for the upgradation of Government District Library, Khandwa, and Government Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore. Both proposals were found eligible as per NML norms, and financial assistance has been provided for their upgradation.

The details of assistance provided to the sanctioned libraries are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Lib.	Sanctioned year	Amount sanctioned (in lakhs)	Amount Released (in lakhs)
1.	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	2016-17	73.20	65.59
2.	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	2017-18	87.00	43.67

(c) Not Applicable