

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2376
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

Digitization of Manuscripts under NMM

2376. Shri VKSreekandan:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has launched the revamped National Manuscripts Mission (NMM), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the Mission expected to cover more than one crore manuscripts, would be responsible for the survey, documentation and conservation of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries and private collectors;
- (c) whether it is also true that the manuscripts will be digitized with the help of the National Manuscripts Mission; and
- (d) if so, the targets fixed for the digitalization of manuscripts under the said Mission?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes Sir. Government has launched Gyan Bharatam Mission as a major initiative under the Ministry of Culture. It aims to Survey, Document, Conserve, Digitize, and make accessible more than One Crore Manuscripts located in academic Institutions, Museums, Libraries, and Private collections across India.
- (b) Yes Sir. The Government intends to cover more than one crore Manuscripts, and to conduct the Survey, Documentation, and Conservation of India's Manuscript heritage housed in academic Institutions, Museums, Libraries, and Private collections.
- (c) & (d) Yes Sir. Digitization is a core objective of the Gyan Bharatam Mission. The Mission explicitly includes "Digitization: Large scale digitization of manuscripts to create a National Digital Repository for a wider accessibility" as one of its key goals. The mission has set a target to digitize one crore manuscripts over the next five years.
