GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES IN DARBHANGA

†4081.   SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote libraries, State/UT-wise;

b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote libraries, State/UT-wise;

c) the number of central and district level libraries set up and promoted under the National Mission on Libraries;

d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under this scheme;

e) whether the Government proposes to develop the Central Library situated in the Lalit Narayan Mithila University camps in Darbhanga and the Laxmeshwar Singh Library situated in Lalbagh, Darbhanga under the said Scheme; and

f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c) As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, libraries fall under the State List in the Seventh Schedule, with public libraries functioning under the administrative control of the respective State or Union Territory authorities.

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. Under this 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 the availability of State funds—in addition to six libraries identified by the Ministry. The component focuses on four key areas:

improvement of infrastructure; upgradation 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.

The details of financial assistance provided to State Central and District Libraries are placed at **Annexure-I**.

(d) & (e) 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 in each State/UT. Accordingly, the Government of Bihar submitted proposals for the upgradation of the District Central Library, Jamui, and the District Central Library, Hajipur (Vaishali). Both proposals were found eligible as per NML norms, and financial assistance has been sanctioned 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.	District Central Library, Jamui	**2018-19**	81.41	62.21
2.	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali	**2023-24**	87.00	50.00

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4081 for reply on 18th August, 2025 regarding Development of Libraries in Darbhanga.

State/ UT wise fund allocation and utilization details

(Amt. In Lakh)

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount Allocated (in lakh)	Amount Released (in lakh)	Total Utilized (in lakh)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	2014-15	223.00	219.71	219.71
2	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	2014-15	87.00	84.90	84.90
3	Goa	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library	2014-15	87.00	3.38	3.38
4	Goa	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	21.68	21.68
5	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal	2014-15	141.24	137.04	137.04
6	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib	2014-15	50.00	50.00	50.00
7	Rajasthan	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81	94.81
8	Rajasthan	Rajakiya Sarvajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21	63.21
9	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar	2014-15	52.00	50.00	50.00
10	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	2014-15	112.25	103.72	103.72
11	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Allahabad	2014-15	206.00	203.75	203.75
12	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah	2014-15	87.00	85.93	85.93
13	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library	2014-15	222.81	219.82	219.82
14	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	2014-15	86.98	79.73	79.73
15	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	2014-15 Revised 2017-18	104.04	101.00	101.00
16	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	2022-23	87.00	87.00	87.00
17	Assam	District Library, Jorhat (1)	2016-17	40.00	39.99	39.99
18	Assam	District Library,	2016-17	70.00	69.59	69.59

		Guwahati (2)				
19	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	**2016-17**	73.20	65.59	65.59
20	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	**2017-18**	87.00	43.67	43.67
21	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar	**2016-17**	21.90	18.43	18.43
22	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	**2017-18**	60.55	57.21	57.21
23	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima	**2016-17**	177.49	175.48	175.48
24	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur	**2016-17**	73.81	69.75	69.75
25	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli	**2016-17**	70.00	68.16	68.16
26	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore	**2016-17**	87.00	79.27	79.27
27	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	**2014-15**	223.00	200.00	200.00
28	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga	**2014-15**	87.00	79.26	79.26
29	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	**2014-15**	223.00	222.93	222.93
30	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	**2014-15**	87.00	86.92	86.92
31	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	**2015-16**	116.61	116.61	116.61
32	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	**2021-22**	37.50	22.55	22.55
33	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library	**2016-17**	166.47	142.37	142.37
34	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	**2016-17**	76.04	66.17	66.17
35	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui	**2018-19**	81.41	62.21	62.21
36	Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali	**2023-24**	87.00	50.00	50.00
37	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur	**2018-19**	86.87	74.66	74.66
38	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	**2022-23**	223.00	223.00	95.00
39	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.	**2021-22**	223.00	223.00	223.00
40	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul	**2021-22**	84.00	46.20	46.20
41	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh	**2014-15**	87.00	78.32	78.32
42	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar	**2014-15**	223.00	133.00	133.00
43	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam	**2014-15**	40.36	0.00	0.00

44	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri	**2018-19**	86.20	50.00	50.00
45	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	**2021-22**	223.00	223.00	223.00
46	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	**2021-22**	32.50	32.50	32.50
47	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	**2021-22**	217.20	217.20	217.20
48	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	**2021-22**	86.58	86.58	86.58
49	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal	**2022-23 Revised**	218.87	218.87	218.87
50	Manipur	District Library, Senapati	**2022-23 Revised**	85.53	85.53	85.53
51	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	**2023-24**	223.00	100.00	100.00
52	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	**2023-24**	87.00	0.00	0.00
53	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	**2023-24**	168.00	88.00	88.00
54	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	**2023-24**	27.64	27.64	27.64
55	Chandigarh	T.S. State Central Library	**2023-24**	164.50	164.50	164.50
56	Chandigarh	Divisional Library, South	**2023-24**	82.72	82.72	82.72
57	A&N Island	State Central Library, Port Blair	**2023-24**	223.00	223.00	223.00
58	A&N Island	District Library, Car nicobar	**2023-24**	87.00	87.00	87.00
59	Daman & Diu	Central Library, Daman	**2023-24**	223.00	0.00	0.00
60	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu	**2023-24**	87.00	0.00	0.00
61	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad	**2023-24**	223.00	0.00	0.00
62	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau	**2023-24**	87.00	0.00	0.00
63	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala	**2022-23**	223.00	0.00	0.00
64	Punjab	Gurunanak District Library, Kapurthala	**2022-23**	87.00	0.00	0.00
				7872.24	**5806.56**	**5678.56**