

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.16  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

**NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES**

**16. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:  
SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) the details of the specific steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand access to modern library facilities and promote a reading culture in Maharashtra, particularly in the Nashik district;
- b) the details of the number of Central Libraries, District Libraries and rural libraries that have been established or are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra under the National Mission on Libraries including projects specifically planned for Nashik city and rural areas;
- c) the details of the total financial assistance released/to be released by the Government under the National Mission on Libraries and other related schemes for development, upgradation and digitalisation for State Central Library and District Library in the country, State/UT-wise especially in Maharashtra during the last five years along with the funds provided or sanctioned for library infrastructure, books, digital resources and training in Nashik district;
- d) whether the Government has any proposal to expand community libraries in tribal or remote areas of Nashik, if so, the details thereof;
- e) whether the Government has any plan to digitise libraries across the country; 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 subject 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. 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.

The Government of Maharashtra was sanctioned financial assistance for upgradation of Government District Library, Nandurbar and Government Divisional Library, Aurangabad as per following details

<b>(Amount in Lakhs)</b>		
<b>Library Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
District Library, Nandurbar	21.90	18.43
Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55	57.21

The details of the total financial assistance released by the Government under the National Mission on Libraries during the last five years is provided at **Annexure A**.

(d) No sir.

(e) and (f) Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture has an approved Matching Scheme “Assistance for Digitization of Copyright Free Manuscripts, Rare Books, Rare Documents, Old Journals, Record of History and Other Materials” for providing financial assistance for the purpose of Digitization of Copyright Free Manuscripts, Rare Books, Rare Documents, Old Journals, Record of History and Other Materials in the public library across the country. RRRLF releases financial assistance after receiving application from the concerned States/UTs.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 16 for reply on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025 regarding 'National Mission on Libraries.**

ANNEXURE A									
Sl No	State	Name of the Library	Amount sanctioned (in lakhs)	Sanction Year	Amount released in last 5 years (in lakhs)				
					2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	223.00	2014-15	53.63	-	-	-	-
2	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	87.00	2014-15	-	18.58	-	-	-
3	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal	141.24	2014-15	12.54	-	-	-	-
4	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	223.00	2014-15	-	-	40.71	-	-
5	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	112.25	2014-15	4.56	8.13	9.69	-	-
6	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	223.00	2014-15	91.67	21.23	5.89	-	-
7	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	87.00	2014-15	28.68	12.51	1.34	-	-
8	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh	87.00	2014-15	13.64	-	14.05	37.00	-
9	Goa	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library	223.00	2014-15	-	8.05	-	-	-
10	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	116.61	2015-16	-	-	41.70	-	-
11	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	73.20	2016-17	-	9.69	-	-	-
12	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar	21.90	2016-17	2.68	-	-	-	-
13	Rajasthan	RajakiyaSarvajanic Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	63.46	2016-17	4.34	-	-	-	-
14	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library	166.47	2016-17	12.19	-	-	-	-
15	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	76.04	2016-17	9.97	10.05	-	-	-
16	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore	87.00	2016-17	5.46	-	-	-	-
17	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	104.04	2017-18	91.73	-	-	-	-
18	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55	2017-18	17.35	-	-	-	-
19	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	87.00	2017-18	27.17	-	-	-	-
20	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui	81.41	2018-19	34.77	-	17.71	-	-
21	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur	86.87	2018-19	15.00	59.67	-	-	-
22	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri	86.20	2018-19	-	25.00	25.00	-	-
23	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.	223.00	2021-22	-	-	122.65	-	100.35
24	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul	84.00	2021-22	-	-	46.20	-	-

25	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	223.00	2021-22	-	-	100.00	-	123.00
26	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	37.50	2021-22	-	18.77	3.79	-	-
27	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	217.20	2021-22	-	-	65.30	151.90	-
28	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	86.58	2021-22	-	-	10.78	75.80	-
29	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	32.50	2021-22	-	-	-	32.50	-
30	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	87.00	2022-23	-	-	87.00	-	-
31	Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali, Bihar	87.00	2022-23	-	-	-	50.00	-
32	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	223.00	2022-23	-	-	-	95.00	128.00
33	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal	218.87	2022-23	-	-	45.25	-	173.62
34	Manipur	District Library, Senapati	85.53	2022-23	-	-	1.00	-	84.54
35	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	223.00	2023-24	-	-	-	100.00	123.00
36	Andaman & Nicobar	State Central Library, Port Blair	223.00	2023-24	-	-	-	223.00	-
37	Andaman & Nicobar	District Library, Car Nicobar	87.00	2023-24	-	-	-	87.00	-
38	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	168.00	2023-24	-	-	-	88.00	80.00
39	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	27.64	2023-24	-	-	-	27.64	-
40	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	87.00	2023-24	-	-	-	-	87.00
41	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	Central Library, Daman	223.00	2023-24	-	-	-	-	223.00
42	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	District Library, Diu	87.00	2023-24	-	-	-	-	87.00
43	Chandigarh	T.S. Central State Library,	164.50	2023-24	-	-	-	164.50	-
44	Chandigarh	Divisional Library (south)	82.72	2023-24	-	-	-	82.72	-