

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026**

PROJECTS UNDER NML IN JAUNPUR, UTTAR PRADESH

†275 SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is aware that a majority of public libraries at the district, tehsil and rural levels in Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh are deficient in basic infrastructure, digital resources, e-library facilities and trained manpower;
- b) if so, the details of the number of projects sanctioned for Jaunpur district under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) during the last three years and the current year;
- c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised thereunder, year-wise;
- d) whether the Government has formulated any special action plan to develop digital and mobile libraries collections based on local languages and history and smart learning spaces for students and youth in Jaunpur district; and
- e) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed therefor?

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.

However, 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 Uttar Pradesh was sanctioned financial assistance for upgradation of State Central Library, Allahabad and Government District Library, Etawah as per following details:

Library Name	Amt. Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakh)	Amt. Released (Rs. in Lakh)
State Central Library, Allahabad	206.00	203.75
Government District Library, Etawah	87.00	85.93

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.
