

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†3784  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026**

**DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES UNDER NML IN BIHAR**

**†3784 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 so far across the country and the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- b) the details of the number of central and district-level libraries established and supported under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme;
- c) the details of the total funds allocated and utilized under NML Scheme; and
- d) whether the Government proposes to develop the Central Library located in the campus of Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga and the Lakshmeshwar Singh Library located at Lalbagh, Darbhanga, under the Central National Mission on Libraries scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) &(b) As per the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of Constitution of India, Libraries is enlisted in the State List. Thus, the public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State / Union Territory Authorities. However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Culture, through its matching and non-matching schemes provides financial assistance to public Libraries for various purpose e.g. construction/renovation of library buildings, up-gradation of infrastructure with furniture and equipment, modernization, procurement of books and reading resources, organization of seminar/training and capacity building of library professionals / workshop / outreach programmes, establishment of children corner, opening of various sections, creating facilities for specially-abled, brail corner etc. The assistance provided by RRRLF under various matching and non-matching scheme is determined on the basis of recommended applications and certified claims received from the State Library authority.

Also, Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) scheme, under Setting up of NML Model Library component, provides financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State /UT, as per the recommendation of the State Authority concerned.

The details of libraries supported by NML is at **Annexure-A**.

- (c) The total funds released under NML during F.Y. 2020-21 to 2025-26 are Rs. 6350.75 lakhs.
- (d) The District Central Library, Jamui and District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali have already been funded in Bihar State under the NML Scheme. In this regard, no recommendation for Central Library located in the campus of Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga and the Lakshmeshwar Singh Library located at Lalbagh, Darbhanga was received from State Library Authority of Bihar.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a&b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.†3784 for reply on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 regarding “Development of Libraries under NML in Bihar.**

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
1	A&N Island	State Central Library, Port Blair	2023-24	223.00	223.00
2	A&N Island	District Library, Car Nicobar	2023-24	87.00	87.00
3	Andhra Pradesh	SCL, Amravati	2025-26	223.00	0
4	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Gowthami Regional Library Rajamahendravaram	2025-26	87.00	0
5	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	2014-15	223	219.71
6	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	2014-15	87.00	84.90
7	Assam	District Library, Jorhat (1)	2016-17	40.00	39.99
8	Assam	District Library, Guwahati (2)	2016-17	70.00	69.59
9	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui	2018-19	81.41	62.21
10	Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali	2023-24	87.00	50.00
11	Chandigarh	T.S. State Central Library	2023-24	164.5	164.5
12	Chandigarh	Divisional Library, South	2023-24	82.72	82.72
13	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh	2014-15	87.00	78.32
14	Daman & Diu	Central Library, Daman	2023-24	223.00	223.00
15	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu	2023-24	87.00	87.00
16	Goa	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library	2014-15	87.00	3.38
17	Goa	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	21.68
18	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	2017-18	104.04	101.00
19	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	2022-23	87.00	87.00
20	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.	2021-22	223.00	223.00
21	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul	2021-22	84.00	46.20
22	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur	2018-19	86.87	74.66
23	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	2022-23	223.00	223.00
24	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	2021-22	223.00	223.00
25	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	2021-22	32.50	32.50
26	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad	2023-24	223.00	223.00
27	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau	2023-24	87.00	87.00
28	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	2014-15	223.00	200.00
29	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga	2014-15	87.00	79.26
30	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	2015-16	116.61	116.61
31	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	2021-22	37.5	22.55
32	Ladakh	State Public Library, Kargil	2025-26	220.00	0
33	Ladakh	District Library, Leh	2025-26	80.00	0
34	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	2023-24	168.00	168.00

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
35	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	2023-24	27.64	27.64
36	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	2016-17	73.20	65.59
37	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	2017-18	87.00	43.67
38	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar	2016-17	21.90	18.43
39	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	2017-18	60.55	57.21
40	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal	2022-23	218.87	218.87
41	Manipur	District Library, Senapati	2022-23	85.53	85.53
42	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	2023-24	223.00	223
43	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	2023-24	87.00	87
44	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal	2014-15	141.24	137.04
45	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib	2014-15	50.00	50.00
46	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima	2016-17	177.49	175.48
47	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur	2016-17	73.81	69.75
48	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar	2014-15	223.00	133
49	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam	2014-15	40.36	0
50	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library	2016-17	166.47	142.37
51	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	2016-17	76.04	66.17
52	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala	2022-23	223.00	0
53	Punjab	Gurunanak District Library, Kapurthala	2022-23	87.00	0
54	Rajasthan	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya KendriyaPustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81
55	Rajasthan	RajakiyaSarvajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21
56	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	2021-22	217.2	217.2
57	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	2021-22	86.58	86.58
58	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli	2016-17	70.00	68.16
59	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore	2016-17	87.00	79.27
60	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar	2014-15	52.00	50.00
61	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	2014-15	112.25	103.72
62	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	222.93
63	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	2014-15	87.00	86.92
64	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Allahabad	2014-15	206.00	203.75
65	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah	2014-15	87.00k	85.93
66	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri	2018-19	86.2	50.00
67	Uttarakhand	Central State Library, ALmora	2025-26	188.77	0
68	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library	2014-15	222.81	219.82
69	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	2014-15	86.98	79.73
<b>Total</b>				<b>8671.01</b>	<b>6716.56</b>

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