GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†3837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

PROMOTION OF LIBRARY NETWORK UNDER NML

†3837   SMT. MANJU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives envisaged under the National Mission on Libraries (NML);

b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

c) the details of the libraries actually established under the NML, State/UT-wise;

d) the details of the libraries established under the NML in Rajasthan; and

e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the network of libraries in rural areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme has 4 components. The components wise progress is as follows: -

1. National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) – The Indian Culture Portal, launched in December 2019, was created to democratize access to knowledge about India's cultural traditions, history, literature, arts, and heritage by bringing digital resources from museums, libraries, archives, and cultural institutions onto a unified platform. **Version 2.0, launched on 05.03.2026**, introduces a modern architecture with a React-based frontend and Drupal backend, improving speed, scalability, and reliability. It features the AI-powered chatbot Bharti, integrated with the Government of India's Bhashini platform to provide assistance in 22 Indian languages. The portal offers advanced multilevel search, operates as a Progressive Web App, and includes 3D walkthroughs, virtual tours, 46 curated cultural categories, and interactive learning activities.

2. Setting up of NML Model Libraries – Under the component Setting up of NML Model Libraries, financial assistance has so far been sanctioned to 28 State Central Libraries, 41 District Libraries and 5 Ministry of Culture identified Libraries. The details are as per **Annexure-A**.

3. Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries – Survey has been completed and the Report has been accepted in this Ministry.

4. Capacity Building Programme - Total 54 training programmes have been organized in which 2465 library professionals across the Country have been trained so far.

(c) Library is a State subject as per the Seventh schedule of Constitution of India, and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory Authorities. Thus, establishment of library does not come under the purview of NML. However, NML scheme, under Setting up of NML Model Library component, provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State /UT, as per the recommendation of the State Authority concerned.

The list of the libraries upgraded under NML (State/UT wise) is attached as **Annexure-A.**

(d) The details of financial support provided in Rajasthan under NML Model Library is as follows: -

Library Name	Sanction year	Amt. Sanctioned (in. Lakh)	Amt. Released (in. Lakh)
Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81
Rajakiya Sarvajanik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (b&c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.†3837 for reply on 16th March, 2026 regarding "Promotion of Library Network under NML".

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
Sl.	**State**	**Name of the Library**	**Sanction Year**	**Amount sanctioned in lakh**	**Total released**
31	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	**2021-22**	37.5	22.55
32	Ladakh	State Public Library, Kargil	**2025-26**	220.00	0

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
33	Ladakh	District Library, Leh	2025-26	80.00	0
34	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	2023-24	168.00	168.00
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
Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
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
		Total		**8671.01**	**6716.56**

Status of Assistance towards Ministry of Culture Libraries

			(Amount in lakhs)
Sl. No.	**Name of Library**	**Total Sanctioned**	**Total Released**
1	National Library (NL)	724.2	142.78
2	Central Secretariat Library (CSL)	277.09	126.27
3	Delhi Public Library (DPL)	443.89	274.19
4	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library (KBOPL)	344.20	30.26
5	Thanjavur Maharaja Serfoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library (TMSSML)	715.2	667.48

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