

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3532  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015

**Digital Libraries**

3532. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for the development of digital libraries at all universities as announced earlier in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated in this regard; and
- (c) the total number of Universities and colleges have been covered under the program in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The National Digital Library (NDL) integrating digital e-resources from across the country and will be delivered through a single window to the students. The initiative is promoted as a national effort under the 'National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology' (NMEICT), coordinated by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

Under the NDL, an integrated portal is being developed to query, search and access a large number of academic and research material available at various academic institutes and cover thesis, journals, books, lecture notes including video lectures, etc.

All the institutions of higher education, including those in the State of Andhra Pradesh, NCERT and multi-lateral agencies like UNESCO have been requested to participate in the digitization process and to share the academic content available with them with the NDL.

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