

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1281  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2016**

**STUDY ON THE STATUS OF LIBRARIES**

1281. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the status of medium and small category of Libraries across the country including Kerala;
- b) if so, the status of these institutions and the present usage and availability of books and reference materials in these libraries;
- c) whether the Government has any proposal for restoration of these libraries especially in the rural areas including new buildings and availability of books, etc; and
- d) if so, the details of the funds being allotted and the time frame for completion of the restoration work?

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**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE  
AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**ANSWER**

- a) Yes Madam. Under the program of the Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Public Libraries (one of the component of the scheme of National Mission on Libraries(NML)), the work of Survey of Public Libraries in all major States/Union Territories of India covering both rural and urban areas including Kerala has been assigned to Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB).
- b) The survey work is in progress. Survey report is yet to be submitted by the IMRB.
- c) National Mission on Libraries has no scheme for restoration of libraries in the rural areas including new buildings and availability of books etc. NML has a scheme of assistance towards setting up of NML Model Libraries at State Central Libraries (one in each State/UT), District Libraries (one in each State/UT) and libraries under the Ministry of Culture through Up-gradation of existing Infrastructure, Up gradation of Technology & Modernization of services, creation of facilities for specially abled groups and to acquire reading resources to meet the local need and advocacy & outreach programs.

However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata provides Financial Assistance to public libraries for construction/renovation of library buildings, procurement of books etc under its Matching Scheme and Non Matching Schemes on the basis of proposals received with the recommendation of the respective State/UT authorities.

d) During the year 2015-16 financial assistance provided by RRRLF under Matching and Non Matching schemes are as under :

Total Assistance under Matching Schemes is Rs.5353.39 lakh and 22772 libraries assisted.

Central Share - Rs.3396.38 lakh

State Share - Rs.1957.01 lakh

Total Assistance under Non Matching Schemes is Rs.829.94 lakh (100% Central Share) and 621 libraries assisted.

Time frame for completion of Library Building is two years from the date of receipt of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of the grant-in-aid which could be extended with the approval of RRRLF in special circumstances.

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