

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.107
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES

107 SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

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), if so, the details thereof;
- b) the details of the libraries actually established under the National Mission on Libraries, State/UT-wise including the State of Gujarat;
- c) whether the Government is conducting regular capacity building programmes for public library personnel under the National Mission on Libraries; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture has substantially achieved the objectives envisaged under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme. The details in this regard are provided at **Annexure-A**.

(b) As libraries are a State subject under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, public libraries function under the control of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Authorities. However, under the "**Setting up of NML Model Libraries**" component of the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, the Ministry of Culture provides financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/Union Territory, based on the recommendations of the respective State/Union Territory Authority. The details of the libraries supported under this component, including those in the State of Gujarat, are provided at **Annexure-B**.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs) are organized under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme across the country to provide training to library professionals. The details thereof are provided at **Annexure-C**.

NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES (NML)

The **National Mission on Libraries (NML)** is a scheme of the Ministry of Culture aimed at enhancing public library services across the country. It focuses on digital integration, infrastructure improvement, and capacity building to modernize and sustain library development in India. The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata, serves as the nodal agency for implementation of the Scheme. The scheme consists of the following four components: -

- Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)
- Setting up of NML Model Libraries
- Quantitative & Qualitative Survey
- Capacity Building

National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) presently known as India Culture Portal (ICP):

The National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) was envisaged as a digital platform to provide unified access to India's cultural resources through a user-friendly multilingual interface. The Ministry of Culture entrusted its development to IIT Bombay. The initiative has since evolved into the Indian Culture Portal, which aggregates digital and bibliographic resources from various cultural institutions. As a major milestone, Indian Culture Portal 2.0 was launched on 05.03.2026 with a modern React-based frontend and Drupal backend, offering improved performance, enhanced search capabilities, and the AI-powered chatbot.

Setting up of NML Model Libraries:

Under this component, financial assistance is provided to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/UT, as recommended by the respective State/UT Library Authority, for the following purposes:

- a) Improvement of Infrastructure
- b) Up-gradation of Technology & Modernization of Services
- c) Creation of Facilities for specially abled groups
- d) Procurement of Reading Resources to meet local need and Advocacy and Outreach Programmes

The pattern of financial assistance is as follows:

- 90:10 (Central : State) for North Eastern States;
- 75:25 (Central : State) for other States; and
- 100% Central assistance for Union Territories without Legislature.

Under this component, financial assistance has been provided to 29 State Central Libraries, 40 District Libraries and 5 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture, covering 35 States/Union Territories.

Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Public Libraries in India:

The Quantitative and Qualitative Survey of Libraries was undertaken to collect descriptive statistics about the public and other libraries of the country. The survey has been completed and the final report has been accepted by the Ministry of Culture. The report has been made available on the website of RRRLF (www.rrrlf.gov.in/Docs/pdf/Survey_Report.pdf).

Capacity Building:

The Capacity Building component aims to hone the professional skills of Library professionals as well as to apprise them with the latest technology. The program of Capacity Building is being conducted for providing training to the Library Professionals to develop expertise in handling technology tools and to inculcate the requisite managerial, analytical, decision making, book binding techniques planning and organizational skills among the in-service library professionals. So far, 55 Capacity Building Programmes have been organised, benefiting 2,527 library professionals.

ANNEXURE-B**NML State Central Libraries and District Libraries details**

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned (Lakhs)	Total released (Lakhs)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	2014-15	223.00	219.71
2	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	2014-15	87.00	84.90
3	Goa	Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes District Library	2014-15	87.00	3.38
4	Goa	Krishnadas Shama State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	25.55
5	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal	2014-15	141.24	137.04
6	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib	2014-15	50.00	50.00
7	Rajasthan	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81
8	Rajasthan	Rajakiya Sarvajnik Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21
9	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar	2014-15	52.00	50.00
10	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	2014-15	112.25	103.72
11	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Allahabad	2014-15	206.00	203.75
12	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah	2014-15	87.00	85.93
13	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library	2014-15	222.81	219.82
14	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	2014-15	86.98	79.73
15	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar	2017-18	104.04	101.00
16	Gujarat	Government District Library, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	2022-23	87.00	87.00
17	Assam	District Library, Jorhat (1)	2016-17	40.00	39.99
18	Assam	District Library, Guwahati (2)	2016-17	70.00	69.59
19	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	2016-17	73.20	65.59
20	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	2017-18	87.00	43.67
21	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar	2016-17	21.90	18.43
22	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	2017-18	60.55	57.21
23	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima	2016-17	177.49	175.48
24	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur	2016-17	73.81	69.75
25	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli	2016-17	70.00	68.16
26	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore	2016-17	87.00	79.27
27	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	2014-15	223.00	200.00
28	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga	2014-15	87.00	79.26
29	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	222.93
30	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	2014-15	87.00	86.92
31	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	2015-16	116.61	116.61
32	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	2021-22	37.50	22.55
33	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library	2016-17	166.47	142.37
34	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	2016-17	76.04	66.17
35	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui	2018-19	81.41	62.21

36	Bihar	District Central Library, Hajipur, Vaishali	2023-24	87.00	50.00
37	Himachal Pradesh	Government District Library, Bilaspur	2018-19	86.87	74.66
38	Himachal Pradesh	Central State Library, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	2022-23	223.00	223.00
39	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.	2021-22	223.00	223.00
40	Haryana	District Library, Narnaul	2021-22	84.00	84.00
41	Chhattisgarh	District Library, Raigarh	2014-15	87.00	78.32
42	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar	2014-15	223.00	223.00
43	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam	2014-15	40.36	0.00
44	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri	2018-19	86.20	50.00
45	Uttarakhand	Central State Library, Almora	2025-26	188.77	0.00
46	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	2021-22	223.00	223.00
47	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	2021-22	32.50	32.50
48	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	2021-22	217.20	217.20
49	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	2021-22	86.58	86.58
50	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal	2022-23	218.87	218.87
51	Manipur	District Library, Senapati	2022-23	85.53	85.53
52	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	2023-24	223.00	223.00
53	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	2023-24	87.00	87.00
54	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	2023-24	168.00	168.00
55	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	2023-24	27.64	27.64
56	Chandigarh	T.S. State Central Library	2023-24	164.50	164.50
57	Chandigarh	Divisional Library, South	2023-24	82.72	82.72
58	A&N Island	State Central Library, Port Blair	2023-24	223.00	223.00
59	A&N Island	District Library, Car nicobar	2023-24	87.00	87.00
60	Daman & Diu	Central Library, Daman	2023-24	223.00	223.00
61	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu	2023-24	87.00	87.00
62	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad	2023-24	223.00	223.00
63	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau	2023-24	87.00	87.00
64	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala	2022-23	223.00	0.00
65	Punjab	Gurumanak District Library, Kapurthala	2022-23	87.00	0.00
66	Ladakh	State Public Library, Kargil	2025-26	220.00	0.00
67	Ladakh	District Library, Leh	2025-26	80.00	0.00
68	Andhra Pradesh	SCL, Amravati	2025-26	223.00	0.00
69	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Gowthami Regional Library Rajamahendravaram	2025-26	87.00	0.00

MoC Libraries

Sl. No.	Name of Library	(Amount in lakhs)	
		Total Sanctioned	Total Released
1	National Library	724.2	534.63
2	Central Secretariat Library	277.09	126.27
3	Delhi Public Library (DPL)	443.89	274.19
4	Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library	374.46	374.46
5	Thanjavur Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswati Mahal Library	715.2	667.48

ANNEXURE-C			
NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES : CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME			
Sl. No.	Programme Duration	Venue	Total no of Participants
1	14-12-2015 to 18-12-2015	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	37
2	18-01-2016 to 22-01-2016	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	28
3	15-02-2016 to 19-02-2016	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	6
4	25-04-2016 to 29-04-2016	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	33
5	09-05-2016 to 13-05-2016	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	25
6	23-05-2016 to 27-05-2016	ERA's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Uttar Pradesh	35
7	20-06-2016 to 24-06-2016	Kalyani University, West Bengal	37
8	25-07-2016 to 29-07-2016	INFLIBNET, Gujarat	30
9	08-08-2016 to 12-08-2016	Anna Central University, Tamil Nadu	32
10	29-08-2016 to 02-09-2016	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	32
11	01-05-2017 to 05-05-2017	IGNOU, New Delhi	40
12	05-06-2017 to 09-06-2017	University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Uttarakhand	44
13	11-09-2017 to 15-09-2017	BBAU, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	54
14	13-11-2017 to 17-11-2017	Kalyani University, West Bengal	49
15	04-12-2017 to 08-12-2017	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam	53
16	18-12-2017 to 22-12-2017	KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	40
17	15-01-2018 to 18-01-2018	YCMOU, Nasik, Maharashtra	62
18	19-02-2018 to 23-02-2018	Krishnadas Shama Goa State Central Library, Goa	50
19	19-03-2018 to 23-03-2018	IGNOU, New Delhi	42
20	23-04-2018 to 27-04-2018	Thiruvananthapuram	46
21	14-05-2018 to 18-05-2018	Tripura University	53
22	25-06-2018 to 29-06-2018	Auro University, Surat, Gujarat	60
23	09-07-2018 to 13-07-2018	Pondicherry University, Puducherry	42
24	06-08-2018 to 10-08-2018	RRRLF, Kolkata	41
25	24-09-2018 to 28-09-2018	RRRLF, Kolkata	44
26	29-10-2018 to 02-11-2018	North Bengal University, West Bengal	46
27	26-11-2018 to 30-11-2018	RRRLF, Kolkata	41
28	17-12-2018 to 21-12-2018	RRRLF, Kolkata	40
29	28-01-2019 to 01-02-2019	BBAU, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	51
30	29-07-2019 to 02-08-2019	RRRLF, Kolkata	45
31	23-09-2019 to 27-09-2019	RRRLF, Kolkata	42
32	16-12-2019 to 20-12-2019	RRRLF, Kolkata	35
33	17-02-2020 to 21-02-2020	RRRLF, Kolkata	41
34	16.01.2023 To 20.01.2023	RRRLF, Kolkata	33
35	24.04.2023 To 28.04.2023	Bundelkhand University Jhansi	50
36	12.06.2023 To 16.06.2023	Pondicherry University, Puducherry	56
37	21.11.2023 to 25.11.2023	JCERT, Ranchi	55
38	28.11.2023 to 02.12.2023	NEHU	56
39	08.01.2024 To 12.01.2024	Nagpur, University	62
40	05.02.2024 To 09.02.2024	Utkal University Odisha	52
41	15.02.2024 To 19.02.2024	Goa University	55
42	11.03.2024 To 15.03.2024	Kashmir University	48

43	19.03.2024 To 23.03.2024	S.V University, Tirupati	66
44	27.05.2024 To 31.05.2024	RRRLF, Kolkata	34
45	19.07.2024 To 23.07.2024	BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY, TIRUCHIRAPALLY	70
46	10.08.2024 To 14.08.2024	PT. Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur	48
47	07.10.2024 to 11.10.2024	MAHATMA GANDHI ANTARRASHTRIYA HINDI VISHWAVIDYALAYA, WARDHA (MGAHV)	70
48	18.10.2024 to 22.10.2024	PERIYAR UNIVERSITY, TAMILNADU	61
49	27.12.2024 To 31.12.2024	RRRLF	44
50	27.01.2025 To 31.01.2025	Udaipur	42
51	17.03.2025 To 21.03.2025	CHANDIGARH	60
52	24.03.2025 To 28.03.2025	KERALA	60
53	27.08.2025 TO 31.08.2025	RRRLF, KOLKATA	42
54	08.09.2025 TO 12.09.2025	NAVA NALANDA MAHAVIHARA UNIVERSITY, BIHAR	45
55	21.06.2026 To 25.06.2026	Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik	62
TOTAL			2527