

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3294  
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DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHIVES IN M.P.  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to the Government of M.P. for the development of archives in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be provided; and
- (c) if not the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE ( SHRI ANANTH KUMAR )

a) National Archives of India is operating a Scheme of Financial assistance to Archival Repositories, Government Libraries and Museums for preservation of Public Records/Manuscripts/Rare Books. A proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh seeking financial assistance for the development of State Archives and its is under consideration under the above scheme.

(b) The proposal seeks financial assistance to the extent of Rs.8.35 lakhs for computerisation of reference media of records housed in M.P. State Archives, Since funds allocated for the Scheme during the current financial year, 1999-2000 have already been exhausted, the proposal of Madhya Pradesh State Archives will be placed before the Grants Committee in its First meeting for the year 2000-2001 to be held in July-August,2000 for consideration

(c) In view of (a) & (b) does not arise.