

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF RARE MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has proposed to purchase 28 rare manuscripts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps initiated in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) A number of organizations fully funded by the Department of Culture, such as Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna; Rampur Raza Library, Rampur; National Library, Kolkata; Asiatic Society, Kolkata; Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad and Indian Museum, Kolkata acquire manuscripts through purchase/gifts. In the absence of specific details about the 28 manuscripts referred to in part (a) of the question, the Department of Culture is not in a position to provide any further details.