

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

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LIBRARIES IN RURAL AREAS  
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

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

- (a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to set up libraries in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the State-wise number of libraries proposed to set up in the country particularly in Maharashtra?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b): `Libraries` being a State subject under Schedule 7 of the Constitution of India the Union Government is not in position to set up libraries in the rural areas. Union Government, however, provides assistance for refurbishing libraries by supply of books, furniture, equipments renovation and extension of building through different schemes of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata.

(c): Does not arise.