

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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LINKING OF ALL CENTRAL LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to inter-connect and link all the Central Libraries working in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds provided for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and
- (d) the progress achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government proposes to create an integrated bibliographic database of the National Library, Kolkata; Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi and other major libraries.
- (b) Towards this end, electronic bibliographic data-base is being created at select libraries, which will be subsequently linked.
- (c) The said project of retro-conversion of existing catalogues in the National Library and Central Secretariat Library is anticipated to cost around Rs.10.00 crores during the Tenth Plan.
- (d) The project is in its preliminary stage .