

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of libraries run by the Government across the country including Delhi;
- (b) the annual expenses incurred on such libraries during the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to modernize Delhi Public Library including the Chandni Chowk Branch; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

a) The following Libraries are run by the Government across the country including Delhi:

Subordinate Library:

1. National Library, Kolkata
2. Central Reference Library, Kolkata

Autonomous Library:

3. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata
4. Delhi Public Library, New Delhi
5. Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna
6. Rampur Raza Library, Rampur

State Libraries (50:50 share State and Central Govt):

7. State Central Library, Mumbai
8. Connemara Public Library, Chennai
9. TMSSM Library, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

Administrative Library (Ministry of Culture):

10. Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi

b) On the above mentioned libraries the total Annual expenditure w.e.f. 1.4.2008 to 15.2.2009 :

Plan Non-Plan

Rs.33.48 Crore Rs.29.12 Crore

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Govt. of India has initiated action for modernization of Delhi Public Library including its branches at Chandni Chowk, Sarojini Nagar and Patel Nagar by providing the following new services:

1. Free Public Internet Access with 10 terminals for readers use.
2. Free Computerized lending of CD/DVD to members.
3. New collection of books, games, toys, computers etc. in Children Section.
4. Online catalogues.
5. Repair and renovation of the library building with modern facilities.
6. Computerized registration of library Members.