

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION REPORT ON LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Knowledge Commission (NKC) Report on Libraries has recommended to include libraries in Concurrent List of the Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has worked out any implementation plan for the recommendations of National Knowledge Commission on libraries;
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations of NKC regarding development of modern libraries in the country, location-wise;
- (e) the details of funds proposed to be allocated for the purpose till date; and
- (f) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) Yes Sir. The Working Group on Libraries, National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has made this recommendation in its report submitted to NKC in August, 2006.
- (b) NKC has recommended that Libraries should be included in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India by an Act for development of libraries across different sectors. Though Public Library development is a state subject under the Constitution, the legislative framework in many states is not resilient enough to provide the required legal support and financial backing to their library sector.
- (c) A National Commission on Libraries is proposed to be set up to consider the recommendations of NKC.
- (d) NKC has not made any recommendations regarding location-wise development of the modern libraries in the country. NKC has recommended, inter-alia, modernizing the Library Management and providing modern amenities and facilities in Libraries for the benefit of readers.
- (e) An amount of Rs. 180 crores has been indicated in the draft proposal for EFC approval during the 11th Five year plan period i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- (f) It is difficult to indicate any specific time frame for implementation of the recommendation of NKC at this stage.