

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public libraries in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the Central assistance made available and utilised during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to enhance the financial assistance provided to the public libraries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government for the improvement of these libraries?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLIVATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

a) The number of public libraries in the country, state-wise is at Annexure.

b) 2009-10 3370.14 Lakh
2010-11 3545.20 Lakh
2011-12 (upto August) 1926.90 Lakh

(c) & (d) The Committee of Secretaries constituted to look into the implementation of recommendation of National Knowledge Commission have resolved to strengthen the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation both in terms of finance and human resource. But no additional financial budgetary support has been finalized.

e) In the Inter Ministerial Meeting held in March 2011, certain programmes for the development of libraries have been recommended. These includes a National Census of Libraries and Training of Library Staff.