

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL MISSION FOR MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Level Consultation meeting of the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was held recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the recommendations made therein; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The National Consultation Meeting of Experts on National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was held on 1st and 2nd December, 2010. Various recommendations were made in the said meeting. The gist of these recommendations is given at annexure. The main recommendation of the Experts was that NMM should continue in its present form till 31st March, 2012 and beyond with full administrative and financial autonomy under Ministry of Culture until such time that a decision is taken on permanent institution that would inherit the Mission's work.

(c) In the light of the recommendations made in the National Consultation Meeting of Experts held on 1st and 2nd December, 2010, Government has extended the term of NMM for a further period of five years till 31.03.2017. As regards the recommendation that the National Mission for Manuscripts should be given a permanent character as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and other related issues, Government is seized of the matter.

ANNEXURE

The gist of recommendation given by the National Consultation meeting of Experts on National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) in its meeting held on 1st and 2nd December, 2010.

The experts were of the unanimous opinion that the NMM should continue in its present form till March 2012 and beyond with full administrative and financial autonomy under the Ministry of Culture until such time that a decision is taken on a permanent institution that would inherit the Mission's work.

A permanent structure for the National Mission for Manuscripts absolutely essential.

Permanent structure should have an autonomous character under the control of Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Permanent Structure should be empowered to take administrative and financial decisions.

A linear and direct relationship is required between the Ministry of Culture and National Mission for Manuscripts as far as, financial and administrative matters are concerned.

National Empowered Committee needs to be reactivated to regulate and monitor the functioning of the NMM in its present form.

There should be no intervention of any other agency in matter of National Mission for Manuscript.

The National Empowered Committee should meet more frequently.