

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the National Mission on Libraries;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to modernise and digitally link all libraries including national libraries across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose, so far;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to set up a similar mission to record and preserve oral traditions for documentation and cataloguing; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) & (b) The National Mission on Libraries (NML) was constituted in May 2012. Since then, it has held four meetings to finalise the road map for the development of the Library Sector and to modernise and network the State Central Libraries, libraries under the Ministry of Culture and select District/School Libraries.
- (c) An amount of Rs.400.00 crore has been earmarked for NML Project for the Twelfth Five Year Plan and an amount of Rs. 50.00 crore has been proposed in the Annual Plan proposal for the year 2013-14. During 2012-13 an amount of Rs.3.00 crore has been earmarked and the expenditure incurred till date is Rs.24.86 lakhs.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) A Coordination Committee under the Ministry of Culture for the Living and Diverse Culture Traditions has been established for considering various aspects of intangible Culture Heritage in the Country.