

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4662
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2013
LIBRARIES WITH INTERNET FACILITIES
Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up libraries with internet facility in various parts of the country including rural areas;
- (b) if so, the number of libraries proposed to be set up indicating the numbers out of them, to be set up in the urban and rural areas respectively State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether such schemes are proposed to be completed during the current five year plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the four Working Groups set up to develop a roadmap for implementation of the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission on modernisation of Libraries, are likely to submit their report to the Government.

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) The National Mission on Libraries constituted by the Ministry of Culture at its 5th meeting held on 12th April 2013 has deliberated that network connectivity should be provided upto District Level Libraries through NKN / NICNET.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) A total outlay of Rs.400 crore has been kept for the National Mission on Libraries during the XII Plan period for various projects to be undertaken during this period.
- (e) Four Working Groups constituted by the National Mission on Libraries have submitted their reports to the High Level Committee.