

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public libraries in urban and rural areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to modernise the public libraries to make them user- friendly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated to each State/Union Territory for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) The number of Public Libraries in urban and rural areas in the country as per Evaluation Study conducted by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an Autonomous Organization under this Ministry, through AC Nielsen ORG-MARG Pvt. Ltd. in the year 2003, is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) The Govt. of India promotes and supports public libraries all over the country through various schemes of the Foundation to make them user friendly. The schemes also include the Scheme of Assistance towards Purchase of Computers with Accessories for modernization of the library.

(c) In order to improve library facilities in the country , Ministry of Culture has adopted certain schemes of matching and non-matching assistance through the Foundation . The scheme are at Annexure-II .

(d) A statements showing the funds allocated to the States and a Union Territories during each of the last three years and the current year is placed at Annexure-III.