

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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STATUS OF NML

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the National Mission on Libraries (NML) and the details of libraries covered under the NML;
- (b) whether NML has been set up to implement the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) on libraries;
- (c) if so, the action/steps taken on the recommendations made by the NKC;
- (d) whether working groups has been constituted under the NML to prepare a roadmap for implementation of the said recommendations and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there has been slow progress in the implementation of the recommendations of NKC on libraries; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the NKC and the present status of NML and the funds allocated/utilised so far under the NML project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) The salient features of the "National Mission on Libraries–Upgradation of Libraries" are

(i) Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI),

(ii) Setting up of NML Model Libraries,

(iii) Quantitative and Qualitative Survey of Libraries and

(iv) Capacity Building. The Libraries covered under the scheme are 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries and 6 Libraries under Ministry of Culture. Networking and site preparation in 629 District Libraries will also be undertaken.

(b) Yes Madam.

(c) The recommendations of NKC have been incorporated into the 12th Plan.

(d) Yes Madam. The 12th Plan working groups recommended Plan allocation of Rs. 400.00 Crore for the NML.

(e) No Madam.

(f) The NML scheme has been notified by Government.