

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR LIBRARIES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether financial assistance is provided by the Government for setting up of public libraries in the country including at panchayat, block and district levels under the Centrally sponsored schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether it is true that 9000 libraries across the country are proposed to be digitalized;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the said libraries are likely to be digitalised, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) Government has established the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata as a funding body for development of public libraries in India.
- (b) The funding by RRRLF for public Libraries in last 3 years is as under:-

(Rupees in Lakhs)

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
5208.24	4928.54	5800.66

- (c) Government has approved the National Mission on Libraries (NML) for the 12th plan of which the National Virtual Library is a component.
- (d) Digitization of library records in 629 district libraries is envisaged under the NML Scheme.
- (e) Does not arise.