

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public libraries set up in the country and the number of libraries proposed to be set up in various parts of the country including at panchayats and districts level, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the Central assistance made available and utilised in this regard during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the financial assistance for such libraries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures taken by the Government for the improvement of public libraries; and
- (e) the number of libraries/cultural centres set up/opened abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The Ministry of Culture exercises administrative supervision over six libraries namely National Library, Kolkata, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, Delhi Public Library, Delhi, KhudaBakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Rampur Raza Library, Rampur & Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi. Ministry of Culture has no proposal to set up any new library.
- b) The annual plan allocations and the utilization of funds for the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 for public libraries administered by the Ministry of Culture are at Annex 1. No state wise/UT wise allocations are made.
- c) & d) During the 12th Plan period the "National Mission on Libraries (NML) Upgradation of Libraries providing Services to the public" has been launched with a budget allocation for Rs. 400 Crores with the objective of establishing a National Virtual Library of India, establishment of Model Libraries, quantitative/ qualitative survey of Libraries and capacity building.
- e) The Ministry of Culture does not administer any library abroad. Ministry of External Affairs administers 37 Cultural centres and 2 sub-centres in foreign countries.