

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:493  
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NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the National Mission on Libraries (NML)-up-gradation of libraries including the details of libraries covered under the Mission, State/UT-wise along with the present status of its implementation;
- (b) the number of libraries under the administrative control of the Ministry and the present status of digitization of these libraries;
- (c) whether the Government plans to set up libraries in rural areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.493 "NATIONAL MISSION ON LIBRARIES" BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA FOR ANSWER BY SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) DATED 12.08.2014

- (a) The salient features of the National Mission on Libraries (NML) 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 NML will cover 35 State Central Libraries, 35 District Libraries and 6 Libraries under the Ministry of Culture with a total budget allocation of Rs.400 crores (Annexure-1). The National Mission on Libraries was launched on February 3, 2014 with a Plan Allocation of Rs. 10 crores in the year 2013-14. The annual Plan allocation for 2014-15 is Rs. 70 crores.
- (b) There are six libraries under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Culture. The status of Digitization is at Annexure-2.
- (c) No Madam, the National Mission on Libraries does not envisage setting up of libraries in rural areas.
- (d) Does not arise.