

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2354
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES

2354. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
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Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is monitoring the schemes under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) and if so, the details thereof along with the status of implementation, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether Government is proposing to launch a mega project of "Every Village has a Library" in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to enact a National Public Library Act as only few States have enacted and implemented library legislation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government for development of the Library Sector in the country?

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

(a) Yes Sir, the Government is monitoring the scheme under the National Mission on Libraries (NML). The implementation status of various components are as under: -

(i) National Virtual Library of India (NVLI): - Indian culture portal(ICP) has been launched on 10.12.2019. The URL is <https://indianculture.gov.in> which is available on public domain.

(ii) Creation of NML Model Libraries: - Total 49 libraries of 27 States of the Country have been modernized.

(iii) Qualitative and Quantitative Survey of Public Libraries: - Survey has been done and the report has been submitted by the entrusted agency.

(iv) Capacity Building: - Total 33 training programme have been organized in which 1356 Participants have been trained.

(b) to (e) No Sir, Libraries are a State subject as per the Constitution of India.