

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021**

DIGITISATION OF LIBRARIES

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

- (a) the details of libraries functioning in West Bengal under the Ministry;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to modernize and digitize 100 libraries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of selected libraries that are going to be digitised in West Bengal; and
- (d) whether any blueprint/roadmap has been prepared for digitisation of public libraries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for development of Public Library System in India?

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

(a) Two Libraries are functioning in West Bengal under Ministry of Culture as below:

1. National Library, Kolkata
2. Central Reference Library, Kolkata

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Library is a state subject. Therefore, public Libraries in States/Union Territories function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory authority. However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture provides financial assistance to public libraries under its various Matching and Non-Matching Schemes.

Besides, this Ministry operates National Mission on Libraries. Under this mission, financial assistance is provided for setting up of Model Library in one (1) State Central Library and one (1) District Library in participating States/UTs.