

(b) The Government had granted ₹ 19.50 crore as one time corpus fund to National Culture Fund out of the planned budget. Apart from this, there is no fund allocated by the Government to National Culture Fund. Besides this, NCF receives contributions and voluntary donations as endowments from many other sources. The details, as on 31st March, 2018, are as below:

Primary Corpus	-	₹ 19.50 Crore
Interest on Corpus	-	₹ 27.32 Crore
Project Funds	-	₹ 22.04 Crore
TOTAL	-	₹ 68.86 Crore

(c) NCF helped in protecting, promoting and preserving India's culture by mobilizing resources by approaching various PSUs, Banks, Corporate/Companies for seeking their participation under the corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to preserve/protect India's cultural heritage.

Under NCF, it is possible for a donor to identify project along with any specific location aspects for funding and also an agency for execution of the project.

The NCF received proposals from reputed agencies like the Archaeological Survey of India (the nodal agency for conservation, preservation and up gradation of monuments of national importance) for tangible projects and other agencies promoting intangible culture, for being taken forward for partnership with Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector Enterprises.

The NCF had also undertaken some intangible projects on publications, documentaries, capacity building and training programs for artists and photo exhibitions.

Implementation of National Mission on Libraries

2896. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing a National Mission on Libraries (NML) for promoting the establishment of libraries in States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has provided funds under NML to the State of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the number of Government libraries set up in the State during the said period, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) National Mission on Libraries (NML) under its NML Model Library Scheme provides financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/Union Territory on the basis of the recommendation of the State/UT Library Authority for upgradation of infrastructure, modernization etc.

(b) and (c) On the basis of proposals received from the Maharashtra State Library Authority, ₹21.90 lakh was sanctioned for District Library, Nandurbar during Financial Year 2016-17 and ₹60.55 lakh was sanctioned for Government Divisional Library, Aurangabad during Financial Year 2017-18 under NML Model Library Scheme.

(d) Library is a State subject. Ministry of Culture has not set up any library in the State during the said period.

Funds for the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Museum, Punjab

2897. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the disbursal of funds, for completion of project and ongoing maintenance and upgradation, for the Shaheed-e-Aazam Bhagat Singh Museum in Khatkar Kalan, Punjab;

(b) whether the Museum authorities, local bodies or civil society, raised any concerns regarding the disbursal of funds for the Museum;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any concrete steps to aid in, or fast track, the process of acquiring artefacts relating to Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Construction, upgradation and modernisation of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Museum was sanctioned under commemorations of 150 years of first war of Indian independence, birth centenary and 75th anniversary of martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh during the period from 2007-2009 at a cost of ₹ 1680.60 lakh. First phase of the Museum complex has been completed and inaugurated on 23.3.2018. Ministry of Culture has so far released a sum of ₹ 1673.00 lakh for the project. The museum