

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO.*161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025**

INITIATIVES REGARDING NATIONAL LIBRARY MISSION

*161 DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) the dedicated facilities that have been developed under the National Library Mission in model libraries to cater to differently abled groups;
- b) the manner in which the Ministry is engaging local communities to tailor library services to meet their unique needs effectively;
- c) whether the Ministry is exploring public-private partnerships to enhance library infrastructure and integrate advanced technology; and
- d) if so, the details of these proposed collaborations?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
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- a) Under National Mission on Libraries (NML) Schemes, the facilities such as Talking Books, Braille Books, Computer Screen Reading and Text to Speech Software, Text to Braille Converter Software, Braille Printer / Embosser, Scanners, Headphones, Ramps, Wheelchairs, Lifts etc. are created.
- b) Local communities are engaged through number of ways which inter alia includes, Quiz/Creative writing/Project and Model/Music competition/ Workshops/ Advertisement regarding activities of the library in the local media, book exhibition, cultural programmes, public grievance committees, organizing lectures etc.
- c) & d) There is no proposal for Public Private Partnership (PPP) to enhance Library infrastructure and integrate advanced technology. However, there is a provision under National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme of Ministry of Culture to provide financial assistance to one State Central Library & one District Library in each State / UT, for up-gradation of infrastructure / technology & modernization of services.