

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding National Library Policy -laid.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): Libraries play the pivotal role by providing access to information/knowledge, resources/services to meet informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community through a range of national, institutional and public libraries. Yet Library and Information Services (LIS) sector in India has not developed to keep pace with the paradigmatic changes taking place in society. At present, “Libraries” being a State subject and without a National Library Act, there is no common direction or coordination among them resulting into pathetic condition of public libraries in the country. Government has formulated National Policies like Education Policy, Tourism Policy etc., for overall development of various sectors. Due to partial and ineffective implementation of State legislation, a National Library Policy is needed to make India a knowledge society. I request Minister of Culture to initiate formulation of a National Library Policy to facilitate coordinated development of libraries’ systems and services in country.