

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF CENTRAL LIBRARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to inter-connect and link all the Central Libraries in the Country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds to be provided for the same; and
- (d) the stage at which it stands at present?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) No, Sir. However, a project funded by the Ministry of Culture is undertaking retro-conversion of catalogues in the machine readable format for the libraries under its administrative control i.e. National Library and Central Reference Library, Kolkata, Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna and Central Secretariat Library, Delhi. Besides, the Ministry of Culture has initiated the process of digitization of old and rare books and manuscripts in a few of its libraries and has fully funded the digitization project.
- (b) to (d) : Do not arise.