

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBRARIES .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government provides financial assistance for refurbishing libraries by supply of books, furniture, equipment and for renovation of building;
- (b) If so, the details of the financial assistance provided for the purpose during each of the last three years;
- (c) Whether the Union Government has received requests from town/rural libraries for financial assistance during the current year;
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) The steps proposed to be taken to promote and strengthen library movement in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a to e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 FOR ANSWER ON 17.8.2006

(a) Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture renders assistance to the public libraries all over the country on the recommendation of State Governments towards supply of books, furniture, equipments and constuction/addition of building.

(b) Statement of financial assistance provided in respect of supply of books, furniture, equipment and for renovation of building during last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c&d) The State Governments and Union Territories' Administrations send proposals of town/rural libraries after approval by the State Library Committees. The proposals received have been considered and a statement of the financial assistance released during the year 2006-07 (upto 31st July) is at Annexure-II.

(e) Some of the steps already initiated are as follows:- The norms of the financial assistance given through RRRLF to state Libraries have been realistically revised. A special scheme has been introduced to set up children's corner's in public libraries. In Association with Nehru Yuvak Kendras, RRRLF has also taken up strengthening of rural libraries.