

PARLIAMENT QUESTION: DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

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The Ministry of Culture is committed towards preservation and development of Museums and establishment of new libraries in state of Maharashtra. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an organization under the Ministry of Culture, provides financial help to develop public libraries across India, including Maharashtra. It supports improving library resources, buying furniture, constructing buildings, setting up children's and knowledge corners, creating facilities for Divyangjan readers, and modernizing libraries with computers, printers, and other equipment.

Financial assistance released under various schemes of RRRLF in Maharashtra over the last five year is as under:-

Year	Amount of financial assistance released (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of libraries assisted
2020-21	180.65	1675
2021-22	166.73	12219
2022-23	86.23	55
2023-24	173.89	1111
2024-25	112.84	213

Further, financial assistance released and number of libraries assisted by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) for development of public libraries in Maharashtra on the basis of the recommended applications received under the

scheme "Assistance to Public Libraries for Modernization of Library Services" is as under

Year	Amount of financial assistance released (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of libraries assisted
2020-21	247.02	404
2021-22	0	0
2022-23	0	0
2023-24	105.00	150
2024-25	120.00	160

Under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, two libraries were developed in state of Maharashtra The details are given below:

Library Name	Amount Sanctioned (In. Lakhs)	Total amount Released (In. Lakhs)	Amount Released (In. Lakhs) during last (5) Five Years	Remarks
District Library, Nandurbar	21.90	18.43	2.68	Project Completed
Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55	57.21	17.35	

Digitization of archival records is being undertaken by the National Archives of India under the Ministry of Culture with the objective of preserving valuable documentary heritage and facilitating wider access to archival records.

As part of this initiative, archival records are being systematically digitized and their metadata is being created and integrated into the Archival Information Management System. The digitized records are being made available through the portal Abhilekh Patal, which serves as a national digital platform for archival resources.

The Year-wise details of the Development of Museum under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last five financial years are as follows:

S. No.	State	Name of Organization	Type of museum	Type of museum
	Maharashtra	Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay, of Framji Dadabhoy Alpiwalla Museum, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road, Fort, Mumba	Existing	Development of existing museum
		Symbiosis Society's for Development of Asian Cultural Museum, Pune	Existing	Development of existing museum

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S. No.	State	Name of Organization	Type of museum	Type of museum
	Maharashtra	Museum on Mahatma Gandhi, Aga Khan Palace, Pune, Maharashtra	Existing	Existing museum

This information was submitted by Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in the Rajya Sabha today (2nd April 2026).

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