

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1839  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018

**National Digital Library of India**

1839. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched the new digital initiative "National Digital Library of India" under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) to make digital educational resources available to all citizens to empower, inspire and encourage learning; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) & (b) The National Digital Library of India project was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development at Vigyan Bhawan on 19/06/2018 and the portal ([www.ndl.gov.in](http://www.ndl.gov.in)) has been dedicated to the Nation.

National Digital Library of India is an open digital library implemented as part of National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) programme. It is a 24\*7 learning resource and can be accessed by anyone, from anywhere and anytime, free of cost. It is a key enabler by forming a centralized knowledge platform by collecting and indexing metadata from individual and institutional Digital Repositories. The NDLI platform is becoming the reference point for various e-Learning Systems through which schools, boards and other educational platforms can provide structured courses in diverse levels and complexities of study. NDLI is Open and Inclusive. It allows all learners of all ages to access any subject to any degree of proficiency irrespective of location and geography. It is available in 200+ Languages in the form of e-book, journals and articles, simulations, animations and other forms of digital learning resources. As on date over 1.75 Crore content is available on NDL, over 35 Lakhs users are registered and more than 9000 Institutions are using it. NDL integrates an absolute wealth of knowledge available to the user through a single window, forming a fundamental part of Technology Enabled Learning Environment.

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