



Digitisation of Manuscripts

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As per our estimates India has the largest collection of Manuscripts. For documentation, conservation /preservation and digitization of Manuscripts project, National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was launched by the Ministry of Culture in 2003. Till date it has documented about 42 lakh Manuscripts in different scripts and languages. For conservation of Manuscripts, Manuscripts Conservation Centres (MCCs) have been established by NMM all over the country, which conduct preventive and curative conservation of Manuscripts requiring conservation in their region.

Digitization of Manuscripts is done by NMM itself through invitation of open tenders.

1. Number of Manuscripts documented - 42 lakhs Manuscripts.
2. Number of Manuscripts digitized - 2.80 lakh Manuscripts.
3. Number of Manuscripts conserved - preventive conservation of 733 lakh folios and curative conservation of 16 lakh folios.

Funds are not allocated state-wise by the Government. However, Government allocated the following funds to National Mission for Manuscripts during the last three years and the current year.

	Year	Budget allocation (in Rs.Lakhs)
1.	2013-14	950.00
2.	2014-15	950.00
3.	2015-16	625.00
4.	2016-17	1200.00

STATE WISE EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY NATIONAL MISSION FOR MANUSCRIPTS DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR

Amount in Lakh

S. No.	State	Funds allocated 2013-14	Funds allocated 2014-15	Funds allocated 2015-16	Funds allocated 2016-17 upto 28-02-2017
1	Andhra Pradesh	35.43	15.00	9.50	27.55
2	Assam	11.80	9.54	10.50	4.5
3	Bihar	30.00	28.50	33.00	28
4	Delhi	9.29		8.00	16.5
5	Gujarat			7.00	2.5
6	Haryana	18.70		7.00	14.4
7	Himachal Pradesh	18.00	23.00	14.00	21.5
8	Jammu & Kashmir	21.50	16.50	21.00	23.5
9	Karnataka	32.90	21.50	27.28	27.9
10	Kerala	15.75	21.00	21.00	24
11	Madhya Pradesh	13.25	11.50	7.00	4.5
12	Maharashtra	13.35	4.50	13.15	13.5
13	Manipur	12.00	14.50	7.50	2.5
14	Odisha	57.50	43.50	35.91	37.41
15	Punjab	4.24			
16	Rajasthan	24.70	14.50	13.58	14.5
17	Sikkim	3.30		2.64	0.49
18	Tamil Nadu	63.70	51.00	14.00	3.04
19	Tripura	5.00	2.50		10
20	Uttar Pradesh	83.85	67.06	50.00	46.58
21	Uttarakhand	5.00	15.00	19.00	15

22	West Bengal	16.00	16.00		26.03
Total		<u>495.26</u>	<u>375.10</u>	<u>321.06</u>	<u>363.9</u>

This information was given by Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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