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ASSESSMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IN KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN)



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ABSTRACT

The public libraries play very important role in fostering the intellectual development of society at large. They support both formal and non-formal education systems of our society. They are considered as People's University and serve as a center for self-education and lifelong learning. They are considered to be an intellectual power house which strives to fulfill and meet the educational needs of the public through varied resources and services Presented Research Paper reveals that Rajasthan State are need urgent attention on the District Public libraries for lack of staff and insufficient budget. It's great achievement that in 2006, Library legislation passed in Rajasthan but not seems their major effects till today. I think Rajasthan needs advocacy to run the Public libraries. In Rajasthan, maximum libraries are facing the problem of book losses and no regular basis stock verification done. Hope after reviewing this study Govt. of Rajasthan will observe the pros and cons.

1. INTRODUCTION

Public library is a Public institution, established with charge of care of collection of book and duty of accessible those who use them and task of convincing every reader without cast, creed, age, sex or etc. infect, Intellectuals of particular city can be judge by enrollment of them in Public library because it's a lifelong learning institution and cultural hub of knowledge.

"A Public library is a library that is accessible by the general Public and is generally funded from Public sources, such as taxes".

Public libraries in India is not much more appreciated by Govt. and NGO's also before 21stcentury and specially if we see the scenario of North Indian libraries than we will get unseated because South India is more and more powerful in comparison to other regions of India. Reasons may be many. In North India Rajasthan and Punjab both are the state mostly depends on agriculture and now both are fast growing state in India. So the question is that how

the more or less same nature state is driving their libraries in current scenario. Public Library in current environment becomes the community hub and providing more or more services to the community.

The Public library is an institution for the people, of people, and by the people. It is for all, without the distinction of cast, creed, color and Public library has to play a crucial role in modern society in meeting many of its social needs like communication, education, recreation and socio-cultural development. This role is more curial in developing countries like India where societal change are faster than elsewhere and the people need to be better informed in order to be successfully involved in the process of change and development. For the Public library to play this role effectively it must be established on a statuary foundation. At least this has been the universal consensus with regard to be the Public library. Establishment of the Raja Ram Mohan Roy library Foundation has given an impetus to the development of Public libraries. The foundation seeks to assist State Government in the establishment of rural libraries. Thus, in comparison with the condition on the eve of independence; the present conditions in India are more conductive to Public library development.

1.1. SERVICES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Service of books and other library material.
- Reference Service.
- Inter library loan.
- Newspapers.
- Journals and Magazines service.
- Photocopy Printing and Scanning Service.
- Help in searching in search of library books and other documents for readers.
- Reservation of Books for readers.
- Current Awareness services (CAS).
- Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).
- Internet / Wi-Fi Service.
- Provide Audio-Video Materials.
- Bibliographic Services.
- Physically Catalogue.
- Books Fare and Exhibition.
- Cultural Activities in library.

Beyond all these services many new services has been provided in North Indian libraries like in Govt. Divisional Public Library Kota provides –

- 1) Tele Health Awareness Services by the assistance of IPLM
- 2) Class on Screen Services for IIT JEE
- 3) Voice Donation Program
- 4) Library Services for Marginalized People
- 5) Library Services for Prisoners'
- 6) Animal Clinic Services
- 7) Research Assistance Services.

2. ABOUT RAJASTHAN AND RAJASTHAN DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES SENARIO

Rajasthan is the largest State of the republic of India in terms of area. It encompasses most of the area of the large, inhospitable Great Indian Desert, which has an edge paralleling the Sutlej-Indus river valley along its border with Pakistan. The region borders Pakistan to the west, Gujarat to the southwest, Madhya Pradesh to the southeast, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to the northeast and Punjab to the North. Rajasthan was formed on 30 March, 1949, when all erstwhile princely States merged in to India. The only difference between erstwhile Rajputana and

Rajasthan is the certain portion Governed directly by the British Government, in the province of Ajmer-Merwara, were include. Portions lying geographically outside of Rajputana and belonging to Tonk state were given to Madhya Pradesh.

2.1. THE PRESENT RAJASTHAN HAS

Table 1: Demographic Scenario of North West Region of Rajasthan

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1	Total area:	3,42,236 Km Square			
2	Region:	North- West			
3	Capital:	Jaipur			
4	Total Population:	7,47,91,568 (in 2016)			
5	Literacy Rate:	Male: 79.19%, Female: 52.12% (2011)			
6	Area:	3,42,236 Km Square			
7	Sex Ratio:	1000 Male, 926 Females			
8	Languages:	Hindi, English			
9	Lok Sabha:	25			
10	Rajya Sabha:	10			
11	Legislator Assembly:	200			
12	District:	33			
13	Division:	07			

2.2. PRESENT PUBLIC LIBRARIES SCENARIO IN RAJASTHAN

Public library system of Rajasthan is performing well after passing library legislation Act in year 2006, although started working in 2001, when the Government of Rajasthan established the separate department of public libraries in merging with pre-established "Bhasha Vibhag" and finally now department is working as "Department of Language and Library Science". Now the Public libraries are owned department and rest are on the basis of department from Govt. Rajasthan department of education. After passing the act Directorate of Language and library move towards automation and started to feeling details of books in library Software's designed by Rajcomp for Public libraries. In Rajasthan at present there is 1 (One) State Central library, 7 Divisional libraries, 33-District libraries, 6-Tehsil libraries and 276- Panchayat Samiti libraries.

Table 2: Types of Libraries available in Rajasthan

S. No.	Types of Libraries available in Rajasthan	No. of Libraries
1	Govt. Central State Public Library	01
2	Govt. Divisional Public Libraries	07
3	Govt. District Public Libraries	33
4	Govt. Tehsil Public Libraries	06
5	Govt. Panchayat Samiti Libraries (Part -Time)	276
	Total No of Libraries	323

All the Public libraries of Rajasthan governed by directorate 'Department of language and library' Govt. of Rajasthan. This directorate manages the finance, infrastructure and services to concern library.

All the State, Divisional and District Public libraries governed by directorate while all Panchayat Samiti libraries funded by directorate but libraries are provided by department of education. So we can say two type of library handling by directorate.

Full Time Libraries: 47
Part Time Libraries: 276

Full time means open to all according to time from Governed by directorate while part time means before school time library and after school time library.

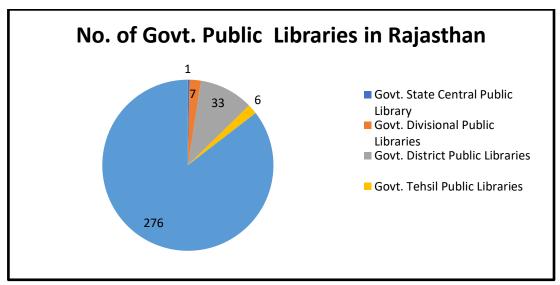


Figure 1: Government Public Libraries in Rajasthan

2.3. KOTA REGION

On the Rajasthan, the present study concentrates on Govt. Divisional Public library Kota and all Govt. District Public libraries of the Kota Region. The library names are under:

 Table 3: Establishment Year Description of Public Libraries

S.NO.	NAME OF THE LIBRARY	YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT
1	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	1956
2	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi (Kota)	2008
3	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	1956
4	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	1956
5	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	1956

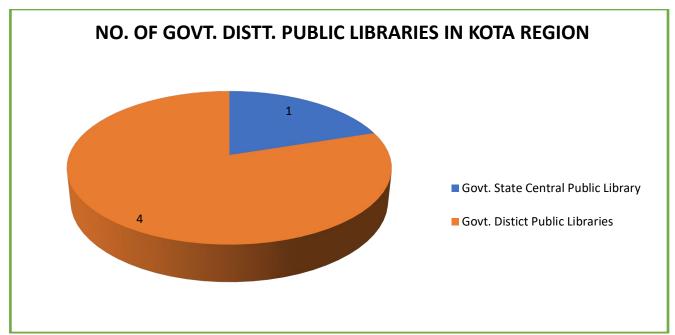


Figure 2: No. Of Govt. Distt. Public Libraries In Kota Region

2.4. IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH

The focus of the present study is on the District Public libraries of Rajasthan. For this purpose the Govt. District Public libraries of Kota Region (Rajasthan) have been taken up. The primary objective of this study is to find out the strength and weakness of this system. Finding of this study can be applied to improve the govt. District Public library systems of Rajasthan. This research with the important in creating awareness about the Govt. District Public libraries of Rajasthan.

3. PREVIOUS STUDIES

Literature review is an important component of any research work. Literature pertained to this research study has been derived from different information sources such as textbook, journals (CD-ROMs, online and print) and reference sources etc. with the aim of putting the study in proper prospective. In order to achieve this effectively, the information related to topic on "Assessment and infrastructure of Public library system in Kota region Rajasthan" the review is focus in the following manner: The concept of development and assessment of Public Library System.

Smith (1984) has reviewed the involvement of the public libraries in literacy education. The public libraries in U.S.A. were selected for his study. The important findings of the study revealed that 1) public libraries in urban and sub-urban communities are involved more in literacy education than libraries in rural communities, 2) public libraries located in large communities and serving demographically heterogeneous areas p[provide more literacy education services than libraries is smaller and homogeneous communities, 3) larger libraries have more literacy education programmes than smaller libraries, 4) public libraries that have a wide range of non-print materials and equipment are more active in literacy education than libraries with limited non-print resources, 5) more libraries that involved in literacy education provide in-service training to their staff than libraries which do not provide these services and 6) the main barriers to the literacy education are the low profile of public libraries in the community, staffing patterns, and lack of staff expertise.

HaniffUddin (2000) has emphasized the importance of establishing rural libraries in each and every village of Bangladesh. They are: 1) To sensitize the people to better health, water supply and sanitation, 2) To find out government policy, 3) To provide better crops, 4) To prevent and control environmental pollution, 5) To provide text books and teaching aids, 6) To provide sport facilities, and 7) To prevent and control social problems. The study explored the inter linkages between libraries and rural development and also highlighted some rural aspects of the country.

Thomas (2001) has studied the state of application of IT in the public library field in India, their future plans and the problems they face in this process. The findings of the study revealed that 8% of the libraries computerized are two state central libraries, two district libraries and a voluntary organization library. They are T.S Central state library, Chandigarh; H.K.M. State Library, Bhubaneswar; District central Library, Coimbatore; City central Library, south zone, Bangalore; and Ramakrishna mission Vivekananda Library, Bhubaneswar. Only 28% libraries were planning to automate. The major problem the library encountered was with regard to updating of databases and correctness of entries.

Proctor, R. A. (2001) reported on the public library work force project, a two year U.K study funded by the library and Information commission which looked at employer's needs and the Department of Library and Information studies curriculum, career choices for newly qualified and qualifying librarians, recruitment and selection issues and the retention of professional staff. It also covered training and development. The survey achieved 84 percent response from public library authorities. The results are that the recruitment, development and leadership issues in particular need to be urgently addressed in this sector.

Raju (1990) has attempted an evaluative study of the working of Andhra Pradesh public Libraries Act, 1960 and its contribution towards the development of public services in the state. The evaluation of this Act and public library services in Andhra Pradesh revealed that the state public Library system failed to provide an effective public library service. The library cess is not effectively collected and remitted by the local administrator and thus planning and phasing of services are in the face of uncertainty. Financial constraints remain the major bottleneck in universalizing free public library service in the state. The government gives no due importance to the improvement of library system in the state. The study led to the conclusion that only an Imaginative leadership in the state can save the situation from ending in a catastrophe.

Laxman Rao and Ratna Rao (1997) have conducted a study on the role of public libraries in national and social movements in Andhra Pradesh during the pre-independence period. The social movements were against caste system, evils of drinking, widow marriages, women's education etc. The various national movements were independence movement and such others. The findings of the study indicated that the role played by the libraries in these movements helped to redefine the purpose and function of libraries.

Venkata Ramana and Vinod Kumar (1997) have emphasized the importance of a need-based planning for public library automation in their study report and indicated the following important facts to develop and execute effective plans to implement the library information storage and retrieval process in public libraries: 1) It requires the financial support from funding agencies, talent, education, creativity, determination, management and above all vision on the part of the library professional and other support staff and 2) The professionals should get themselves trained and take the lead in operating the systems.

Deshpande (2000) has studied the importance of public libraries in developing countries and has pointed out the salient characteristics of a public library and grass root services. the services which can be offered to the public are detailed in the study, which are educating the illiterates, providing information Services for women, giving children's service, conducting adult education classes, providing information on social evils, giving information service to the farmers, creating science temper, and providing information services to the disadvantaged.

Padmamma et al. (2001) has assessed children's views on public library through a survey of child users of Chickmanagalore City Central library, Karnataka. The study revealed the perceptions of child users on the existing facilities, services, and resources as: almost all of the respondents feel good about collection of books, magazine and newspapers; but they the library does not provide the user services like new arrival services, inter-library loan, paper clipping service, reference service, overnight issue and book exhibition and the children and concludes we the statement that the user satisfaction should be the ultimate objective of the library.

Shrivastava, D.K. (2008) has studied the public library system in Rajasthan to figure out the implementation of information technology. The study revealed that ICT knowledge of library staff working in Public Libraries is very low, which has become hindrance in 10 automation Public Libraries in Rajasthan. It was suggested that government should provide facility for imparting technological skills of the library staff.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The survey method is being adopted to conduct the research for the present study. Survey method is generally conducted in the field of librarianship. It is useful to know the exact facts and figures about a system. The questionnaire will be prepared for librarian.

4.1. Questionnaire for Librarian (Library Survey)

For this purpose, the research scholar intends to visit the Govt. District Public Library understudy of Kota Region in Rajasthan. For the collection of data, questionnaires would be designed for the Librarians. A Structured questionnaire with multiple choices and open-ended question, designed according to objectives, would be handed over to each librarian. Primary data would be collected through the questionnaire containing the various questions related to the district Public Library system i.e. Library collection, reading room facility, book selection procedure, circulation system, Library finance, Library automation and Library infrastructure etc. For secondary data extensive use annual reports, Library Journals, e-newsletter, national and international publications would be made.

4.2. SCOPE OF THE STUDY: LIMITATIONS

The present study required lot of field work and survey to know the existing status of assessment and infrastructure of Public libraries system in the Govt. District Public libraries of Kota Region Rajasthan. Since the definition of Public Library includes all the large and small libraries that provide library service to the public is not possible for the investigator to cover all the libraries in each city and village of Rajasthan. The present study only concentrates on the assessment and infrastructure of Govt. Divisional Public Library Kota (Rajasthan), all Govt. District Public libraries Kota Division Rajasthan:

Table 4: List of Govt. District Public Libraries in Kota Region (Raj)

S. No.	NAME OF THE LIBRARY
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi (Kota)
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi

4.3. PROCEDURE OF DATA COLLECTION

The data for the present study was collected by personally visiting all the libraries included in the study. Information regarding system, services and ongoing scenario as well as the expected future plans of the Public Libraries in Rajasthan was collected through the personal observations, web-sites and questionnaire meant for Librarians and discussions with the Librarian and other professional staff.

5. STATE OF ARTS OF THE SELECTED PUBLIC LIBRARIES OBSERBED

This is the study which is based on the study of Govt. District Public libraries of Kota Region (Rajasthan). In Kota Region there is a 1(one) Govt. Divisional Public Library situated in Kota and 4 (Four) Govt. District Public libraries along with 24 Panchayat Samiti Public libraries. Here I am trying to showcasing the all brief details about the concern studied libraries and their infrastructure so easily we can trace the things exhaustively.

5.1. GOVERNMENT DIVISIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY KOTA (RAJASTHAN)

Table 5: Govt. Divisional Public Library Kota (Rajasthan) at a Glance

Administered By	State Government		
Total No. of Reg. Members	1425		
Collection	Books-72150		
	Newspapers-11		
	Magazines-55		
	Audio/Video-2248		
	E-Books		
Area of Library	1008 Square feet		
Period of Loan for Books	2 Books, for 14 Days		
Classification of Scheme	DDC, 23ed.		
Catalogue Code	AACR-II		
Building Status	Own Building		
Timing of the library	11.00 AM to 7.00 PM		
	Remain closed on Tuesday, Second Saturday of the		
	month and all gazzeted holidays.		
Services	Circulation, Reservation of Books, E-resources,		
	slides, Photo Copied, Scanning, OPAC, Departmental		
	Website inter Library loan, Library catalogue, CAS,		
	Workshop and activities, Books exhibition, Cultural		
	program, Internet Access, Disabled friendly library.		
Facility for Users	Seating Arrangement Drinking		
	Water, Parking.		

5.2. GOVERNMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY RAMGANJMANDI, KOTA (RAJASTHAN)

Table 6: Govt. District Public Library Ramganjmandi (Kota, Rajasthan) At a Glance

Administered By	State Government			
Total No. of Registered Members	64			
Collection	Books-15445			
	Newspapers-05			
	Magazines-11			
	Audio/Video-Nil			
Area of Library	1200 Square feet			
Period of Loan for Books	1 Books, for 14 Days			
Classification of Scheme	DDC			
Catalogue Code	AACR-II			
Building Status	Rented Building			
Timing of the library	11.00 AM to 7.00 PM			
	Remain closed on Tuesday, Second Saturday of			
	the month and all gazzeted holidays.			
Services	Circulation, Reservation of Books, Reference of			
	Books Inter Library loan, Library catalogue.			
Facility for Users	Seating Arrangement, Drinking			
	Water, Parking.			

5.3. GOVERNMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY JHALAWAR (RAJASTHAN):

Table 7: Govt. District Public Library Ihalawar (Rajasthan) At a Glance

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Administered By	State Government			
Total No. of Registered Members	425			
Collection	Books-46690			
	Newspapers-12			
	Magazines-9			
	Audio/Video-0			
Area of Library	5000 Square feet			
Period of Loan for Books	1 Books, for 14 Days			
Classification of Scheme	DDC			
Catalogue Code	AACR-II			
Building Status	Own Building			
Timing of the library	11.00 AM to 7.00 PM			
	Remain closed on Tuesday, Second Saturday of			
	the month and all gazzeted holidays.			
Services	Circulation, Reservation of Books, E-resources,			
	Inter Library loan, Library catalogue, Books			
	exhibition, Internet Access.			
Facility for Users	Seating Arrangement Drinking			
	Water, Parking.			

5.4. GOVERNMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY BARAN (RAJASTHAN)

 Table 8: Govt. District Public Library Baran (Rajasthan) at a glance

Administered By	State Government
Total No. of Registered Members	160
Collection	Books-26486

	Newspapers-15		
	Magazines-16		
Area of Library	6000 Square feet		
Period of Loan for Books	2 Books, for 14 Days		
Classification of Scheme	CC		
Catalogue Code	CCC		
Building Status	Own Building		
Timing of the library	11.00 AM to 7.00 PM		
	Remain closed on Tuesday, Second Saturday of		
	the month and all gazzeted holidays.		
Services	Circulation of Books, Inter Library loan,		
	Reservation of Books, Reference service Library		
	Catalogue, workshop and activities Books		
	exhibition, cultural competition.		
Facility for Users	Seating Arrangement Drinking		
	Water, Parking, Public meeting Room.		

5.5. GOVERNMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUNDI (RAJASTHAN)

Table 9: Govt. District Public Library Bundi (Rajasthan) at a glance

Table 9. Gove. District Fublic Library Bunui (Rajastnan) at a giance					
Administered By	State Government				
Total No. of Registered Members	298				
Collection	Books-48061				
	Newspapers-7				
	Magazines-44				
Area of Library	4800 Square feet				
Period of Loan for Books	2 Books, for 14 Days				
Classification of Scheme	No				
Catalogue Code	No				
Building Status	Own Building				
Timing of the library	11.00 AM to 7.00 PM				
	Remain closed on Tuesday, Second Saturday				
	of the month and all gazzeted holidays.				
Services	Circulation of Books, Inter Library loan,				
	Reference Services and Internet access.				
Facility for Users	Seating Arrangement Drinking				
	Water, Parking, Public meeting				
	Room.				

5.6. BUDGET OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN), 2013-2016

Table 10: Budget of Public Libraries of Kota Region (Rajasthan), 2013-2016

Sr. No.	Name of The Library	Budget	Budget Budget		
	01 1110 2101419	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
		(in Rs.)	(in Rs.)	(in Rs.)	
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	98,90,000	37,15,000,	47,05,000	
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	8,36,000	8,91,000	9,31,000	
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	19,31,000	19,86,000	20,46,000	
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	14,51,000	14,92,000	15,66,000	
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	13,31,000	13,96,000	14,46,000	

5.7. DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES SYSTEM OF KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN)

Table 11: District Public Libraries System of Kota Region (Rajasthan)

S. No.	Name of The Library		٠.			Staff	
		Years of Establishment	Registered Members	Collection of Books	Administrated by	Professional	Non- Professional
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	1956	1425	72,150	State Govt.	3	8
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	2008	64	15,455	State Govt.	2	Nil.
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	1913	425	46,690	State Govt.	1	3
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	1996	160	26,486	State Govt.	1	2
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	1956	298	48,061	State Govt.	1	2

5.8. PUBLIC LIBRARIES SYSTEM OF KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN)

Table 12: Public Libraries System of Kota Region (Rajasthan)

	Table 12. Fublic Libraries System of Rota Region (Rajastnan)									
S. No.	Name of The Library	Library Timing	Security/ Membership Fees in Rs.	Purchase of Books	Scheme of Classification used	Classified catalogue				
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	11.00 AM. To 7.00 PM Tuesday, Second Sat. and All Gazzeted Holidays is Closed	Membership Fees=100 Security=1000 Child & BPL= Free	RRRLF and Committee Members	DDC	ACR-II				
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	do	Membership Fees=50 No Security	do	DDC	AACR-II				
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	do	Membership Fees=50 Child =20 No Security	do	DDC	AACR-II				
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	do	Membership Fees=20 No Security	do	ССС	CC				
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	do	Membership Fees=50 Child =20 No Security	do	No	No				

5.9. SERVICES PROVIDE IN GOVT. DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN)

Table 13: Services Provide in Govt. District Public Libraries of Kota Region (Rajasthan)

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S. No.	Name of The Library	Circulation	Inter Library Loan	Reference Services	Reservation of Books	Library Catalogue Physically	OPAC	Internet Access/ WI -Fi	Computers	Scanning	Photocopy	Current Awareness Service (CAS)
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No

5.10. INFRASTRUCTURE OF GOVT. DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF KOTA REGION (RAJ.)

Table 14: Infrastructure of Govt. District Public Libraries of Kota Region

S. No.	Name of The Library	Own Library Building/	Air- Conditio	Seating Arrange	Parking	Public Meeting Room	Drinking Water
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	Yes	N0	60	Yes	No	Yes
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	Rented	N0	10	Yes	No	Yes
3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	Yes	N0	75	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	Yes	N0	20	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	Yes	N0	100	Yes	Yes	Yes

5.11. AUTOMATION STATUS IN GOVT. DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF KOTA REGION (RAJASTHAN)

Table 15: Automation Status in Govt. District Public Libraries of Kota Region

S. No	Name of The Library	Library Software	Computerized Circulation	Online Public Access Catalogue	Web-Site
1.	Govt. Divisional Public Library, Kota	E-Library	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Govt. District Public Library, Ramganjmandi	No	No	No	No

3.	Govt. District Public Library, Jhalawar	E-Pustkalya	Yes	No	No
4.	Govt. District Public Library, Baran	No	No	No	No
5.	Govt. District Public Library, Bundi	No	No	No	No

6. FINDINGS

- 1) Maximum District Public libraries are confining only the routine task of collecting, organizing the reading materials and are providing circulation services, reference services etc. but are facing many problems like lack of qualified professional staff, insufficient financial support and infrastructure etc.
- 2) Except for the divisional Public library Kota, the number of registered members in the rest of the District library is very low.
- 3) In the few District Public Libraries have computerized library system and rest of the district Public libraries computers, library software, scanning, photocopy in negligible.
- 4) Most of the District Public Libraries have its own buildings. There is a good arrangement for readers sit and parking.

7. CONCLUSION

After the understanding of overall all analysis and findings, I reached on this conclusion that the Rajasthan State are need urgent attention on the District Public libraries for lack of staff and insufficient budget. It's great achievement that in 2006, Library legislation passed in Rajasthan but not seems their major effects till today. I think Rajasthan needs advocacy to run the Public libraries. In Rajasthan, maximum libraries are facing the problem of book losses and no regular basis stock verification done. Hope after reviewing this study Govt. of Rajasthan will observe the pros and cons.

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