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PROPOSAL TO OPEN MORE CENTRES OF NSD

2087 # SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the National School of Drama (NSD);
- (b) the centers of the NSD located in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to open more centers of the NSD in different States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a) The aims and objectives of the National School of Drama are as follows:

- To produce, direct and perform plays before the public as part of training and for promotion of theatre.
- To conduct and promote research in classical, traditional and modern drama in India and abroad.
- To arrange lectures, seminars, symposia, meetings, conferences and exhibitions relating to drama and performing arts to invite actors, directors, playwrights, technicians from within the country and abroad to assist, direct and produce plays, organize exhibitions and to prepare any other educational material.
- To assist, co-operate, associate and collaborate itself with the efforts of others academic bodies, Governmental or non-Governmental in similar activities in India and abroad.
- To foster cultural and academic contacts within India as well as with other countries through exchange of personnel and research materials; thus facilitating foreign visits by students and research scholars to attend seminars, to undertake studies and research.

(b) The State-wise centers of NSD are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Organizations	State
1	NSD (TIE Wing) Agartala	Tripura
2	NSD, Bengaluru Centre	Karnataka
3	NSD, Varanasi Centre	Uttar Pradesh
4	NSD, Sikkim Centre,	Sikkim
5	NSD (TIE Wing), Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

(c) & (d) Several requests are received from different states to open new centers. The opening of new centers is considered subject to approval of Ministry of Finance and availability of resources.
