

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

REGIONAL CENTRE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

2315. SHRI M.MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to open a regional office/chapter of National School of Drama at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be opened?

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

ANSWER

(a)to(c): A Sub-Committee constituted by National School of Drama (NSD) an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Culture considered the proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for opening of Regional Centre of NSD at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. The Committee deliberated on the issue at length and observed that the degree/diploma/certificate course proposed to be offered at Regional Centre will not be recognised until & unless NSD has legal status by declaring it as an Institution of National Importance by special legislation. The proposal to declare NSD as an Institution of National Importance is under active consideration of the Government. Hence, the Committee suggested that the matter regarding opening of NSD's Centre in Andhra Pradesh may be deferred till such time the status of Institution of National Importance is granted to NSD.
