

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2605
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

EXPANSION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

2605. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal/plan to open a branch of National School of Drama (NSD) in different States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start NSD in Damoh in Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has received any request/proposal/letter from various State Governments especially Madhya Pradesh to open a branch of NSD in their respective States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE &
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

ANSWER

(a) to (b): Yes Sir. The Broad Based Committee (Vision Committee) set up by the NSD Society in February 2005, inter-alia, had recommended opening of five regional centres of the NSD across the country. On the basis of these recommendations, the decision to establish Five Regional Centres during the 11th Five Year Plan period (2007-2012), one each at Kolkata, Mumbai, J&K, and North-East besides upgrading the existing Regional Resource cum Research Centre, Bengaluru to a full-fledged regional centre, was taken by the Government.

So far, only Government of Karnataka has provided land /accommodation in 2013 at Bengaluru for the purpose where one year theatre training course is being organized by the NSD. Currently, the Bengaluru centre is running one year course on dramatic arts.

Proposals for opening of NSD centres in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have also been received by the NSD.

To review the position of opening of NSD centres, NSD Society constituted a Sub-Committee. The NSD society, on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, decided to defer the opening of such centres till such time that the status of institution of national importance is granted to NSD.

- (c): No
- (d): NSD has received proposals only from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, but the same has been deferred, as already stated against part (a)&(b) above
- e): Does not arise.
