

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

OPENING OF NEW THEATRE SCHOOLS AND NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

1202. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to open new centres of prestigious theatre schools including National School of Drama in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the courses and number of seats in each course in the National School of Drama in Delhi and other cities; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to promote theatre in regional languages including Punjabi and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) It was proposed to open five centers of National School of Drama (NSD) in various parts of the country under 12th Plan. However, a decision was taken by the Sub Committee constituted by NSD Society in its meeting held on 03-04-2017 that NSD should not open more centers till the time NSD is made an Institute of National importance.

Notwithstanding the above, NSD has opened following centers under its outreach programme:

1. NSD Centre, Bengaluru – 1 year course in Acting (2014)
2. NSD Centre, Varanasi – 1 year course in Classical Indian Theatre (2018)
3. NSD Centre, Sikkim – 1 year course in Acting (2012)
4. NSD Centre, Agartala – 1 year course in Theatre in Education. (2014)

- (b) The details are as under:

Centers	Annual Intake	Courses/Duration
NSD, New Delhi	26	3 years Diploma
Bengaluru	20	1 year course in Acting
Varanasi	20	1 year course in Classical Indian Theatre
Sikkim	20	1 year course in Acting
Agartala	20	1 year course in Theatre in Education

- (c) Government of India has established NSD with the objective of developing suitable pattern of teaching in all branches of Drama so as to establish high standards of Theatre Education in India and raising the technical standard of Indian Plays so as to make them aesthetically more satisfying and acceptable. NSD organizes a number of production oriented and technical oriented workshops under extension activities in all parts of the country for theatre enthusiasts for promotion of Theatre. Similarly various festivals are organized to showcase theatre productions including plays of regional languages for promotion of theatre.
