

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022
VACANCY IN NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA**

**2786. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON,
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR,
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE,
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA,
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL,
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI,
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.,
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR,
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE,
SHRI SELVAM G.,
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

- a) the actual strength of professors and teachers in the National School of Drama (NSD);
- b) the details of number of vacant posts of professor and teachers in NSD and the steps taken by the Government to fill up in a time-bound manner;
- c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the status of NSD from the present status and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to increase the admission/seat capacity of NSD and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- e) whether the Government has received any request/proposal/letter from the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra to open a branch of NSD in their respective States and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- f) the steps taken by Government to strengthen NSD so as to establish high standards of Theatre Education in India

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM &
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(G KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) Professors –

02

	Associate Professors –	08
	Assistant Professors –	07
(b)	Professors -	01
	Associate Professors -	07
	Assistant Professors -	02

Action for filling up the post has already been taken by publishing advertisement in various newspapers for 03 vacant posts of Associate Professors and 02 Assistant Professors.

- (c) NSD was conferred the status of Deemed University in 2005 by Ministry of Education on the recommendation of University Grant Commission. However, the status of Deemed university was not agreeable to the students and other NSD community. Subsequently, on the request of NSD Society the status of Deemed University was de-notified in 2011 by Government of India.
- (d) At present there is no such proposal to increase the admission/seat capacity of NSD. However, NSD regularly conducts theatre workshops in various parts of the country to impart theatre training to larger number of participants.
- (e) No request/proposal/letter from the State of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra has been received during the last 3 years for opening a branch of NSD in their respective states. A request has come from Andhra Pradesh State Government to open NSD Centre in Rajahmundry.
- (f) The National School of Drama is one of the foremost theatre training institutions in the world and the only one of its kind in India. NSD as an Institution of Theatre has already established high standards of Theatre Education in India. The School under the aegis of Ministry of Culture has taken a number of steps for imparting Theatre Education in India through its following programs:

Bharat Rang Mahotsav , Theatre Olympics, Jashnebachpan & Bal Sangam, National Tribal Festival of Theatre, Dance & Music, Crafts and Seminars, Indian Classical Drama Festivals, Poorvottar Natya Samaroh, Festival of Five Plays in cities of NER, National Theatre Festival, Children Theatre Festival in NER, Pragjyotish Festival etc.
