

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4342  
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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that National School of Drama(NSD) is being considered grant of 'Deemed University status' by UGC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether there is any opposition to this proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a & b) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the University Grants Commission which examined a proposal for Deemed to be University Status to National School of Drama, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary & Higher Education vide its Notification dated 11th March, 2005, has already declared the National School of Drama as a Deemed to be University. With the Deemed to be University Status the National School of Drama would be in a position to initiate research in chosen fields of specialization and also could initiate innovative programmes in academics.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. There was opposition from some students to the Deemed to be University Status. It has been decided in the combined meeting of the Academic Council and NSD Society not to proceed with the "Deemed to be University" status unless the implications are fully studied and all the stakeholders are satisfied. A committee is making an in-depth study. Government will take a view after studying all aspects.