GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4156 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2008 SETTING UP OF NEW DESIGN INSTITUTES Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalized the locations for setting up of four new design institutes on the pattern of National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to set up one such institute in Bhubaneswar; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to set up these institutes at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir.
- (c): The Government of Orissa had requested in March 2007 for opening of a branch of National Institute of Design (NID) at Bhubaneswar. The State Government had indicated its willingness to provide necessary infrastructure like land for this purpose.
- (d): The National Design Policy envisages raising of Indian design education to global standards of excellence. The Action Plan for implementation of the Policy involves setting up of new design institutes. The number of such institutes and their locations have not been finalized.