

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REGIONAL CENTRES OF SAHITYA ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sahitya Academy has opened regional centers in several States to run its activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether no regional centre of the academy has been opened in any Hindi speaking State so far;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open new regional centres of the Academy;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d) Sahitya Akademi, having its head office at New Delhi, has three regional offices at Kolkata, Mumbai and Bangalore. The Akademi also has a sub-office at Chennai, a North-East Centre for Oral Literature at Agartala, a Sales Unit at Puducherry and a Project Office in Thiruvananthapuram.

The Head Office of the Akademi at New Delhi handles all languages of the Northern region, including Hindi.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) As of now the existing centres/offices of the Akademi are able to cope up with the work.