

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CENTRES OF NSD

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up regional centres of National School of Drama (NSD) in various parts of the country including in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for setting up of the same; and
- (c) the time by which the above centres are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b) On the basis of the recommendations of the Broad Based Committee of the National School of Drama, it has been proposed to open 5 Regional Schools/Centres of the National School of Drama across the country. The five locations identified for the setting up of these Schools/Centres are – (i) Bengaluru (upgradation of existing Regional Resource Centre), (ii) Kolkata, (iii) Maharashtra/Goa, (iv) Jammu & Kashmir and (v) North East. There is no proposal to set up any such Centre in Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Bengaluru Centre of National School of Drama has already been made operational on ad hoc basis. The remaining centres can come up only after suitable accommodation for setting up the centres is made available, by the concerned State Governments.