

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2604  
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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of regional National School of Drama (NSD) proposed to be set up in the XIth Plan and the number of NSDs established so far;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in the establishment of NSDs;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish the left out schools approved in the XIth Plan during the current plan period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the schools planned to be opened in Southern States; and
- (e) whether the proposed NSDs shall be autonomous or under the administrative control of NSD, New Delhi?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Five regional National School of Drama (NSD) were proposed to be set up in the XIth Plan at Bengaluru, Kolkata, Mumbai / Goa, Jammu & Kashmir and at one place in North East. None of the proposed regional NSD's have become fully functional so far.
- (b) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal have been approached for providing space and infrastructural facilities to start regional NSDs. The process is underway for setting up these five regional centres.
- (c) to (d) The proposal has been recommended by the Working Group on Culture for XIth Five Year Plan period, subject to allocation of adequate funds for the purpose. At present, there is no fresh proposal, besides Bengaluru, for the Southern States.
- (e) The structure of the proposed NSDs will be decided at the appropriate time.