

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4303
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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 National Schools of Drama located in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has any proposal to establish more such institutes particularly in Tamil Nadu and in the North Eastern States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for establishing the same; and
- (d) the time by which the above Centres are likely to be set up ?

Answer

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

- (a) There is only one National School of Drama in the country which is located in New Delhi.
- (b) to (d) It is proposed to set up five Regional Centres of National School of Drama – at Bangalore, Kolkata, in Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra/Goa and in the North East. The Bangalore Centre of National School of Drama has already started functioning from February, 2009. Locations of other Centres are being identified by the National School of Drama in consultation with concerned State Governments and other stakeholders. It is proposed to operationalise these Centres during the XI Plan period. There is no proposal to set up any such Centre in Tamil Nadu.