

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF UDAY SHANKAR ACADEMY
Tamta Shri Ajay

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Uday Shankar Academy for Dance and Music at Almora;
- (b) whether the construction work of Academy is pending for the last 12 years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the academy is likely to be constructed;
- (d) the details of the funds released and utilized during the last 10 years;
- (e) whether the delay in starting of this academy is adversely affecting the morale of the culture enthusiasts; and
- (f) if so, the details therefor and the time by which the Academy is likely to start functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (c) The civil work of Uday Shankar Dance Academy, Almora (Uttarakhand) has been completed. The electrical work etc is in the last phase and is likely to be completed by March, 2015.
- (d) A grant of Rs. 5.00 crore was released by the Ministry of Culture to the State Government of Uttarakhand, and utilization certificates for the same have been received.
- (e) & (f) The delay in taking up the construction work was due to the delay in transfer of land. The work could be started only in April, 2004. The auditorium, which was one of the items of work in the first phase, has been constructed. The Academy will start functioning in April, 2015.