

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF SONG AND DRAMA DIVISION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal for the expansion of Song and Drama Division;
- (b) if so? the places where the branches are proposed to be set up in the Country during 2003-2004;
- (c) whether any unit of Song and Drama Division is proposed to be opened in Orissa in that year;
- (d) if so? the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/likely to be taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : A scheme for opening of Regional and Sub-Centres at Dehradun? Raipur? Agartala and Aizwal? respectively was included by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in 10th Five Year Plan proposals. However? the Planning Commission has advised the Ministry to undertake an evaluation study of the schemes before going in for the proposed expansion.

(c) to (e) : No? Sir. An office of Song and Drama Division is already functioning at Bhubaneswar.