

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING SCHOOL OF MUSIC THEATRE AND ART
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether owing to the paucity of adequate training institutes in the country, the talented students interested in Music, Theatre and Art are not getting adequate opportunities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to open at least one School of Music, Theatre and Art in each State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to promote literary, visual and performing arts. The teaching of Music, Theatre and Arts does not come within its functional spectrum. There are many private institutions and individuals (Gurus) who are involved in teaching of Music, Theatre and Art. However, the Ministry through its autonomous institutions, extends scholarships to the young and talented artists of the country. The number of applicants for these scholarships is large.

(b) to (d): At present, there is no proposal to open a school of Music, Theatre and Art in each state of the Country. The following universities/teaching institutions are totally dedicated to teaching of Music, Theatre and Art:-

(i) Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Chhattisgarh.

(ii) Bhatkhande Music Institute, Lucknow, U.P.

(iii) National School of Drama, New Delhi.

In addition about 171 universities have departments of Music/Theatre and Arts and about 44 colleges are providing training in Music, Theatre and Arts.