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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HUB
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that Government of Punjab proposes to invest Rs.200 crores for the infrastructural growth and development of Mohali to make it an Information Technology Hub; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance the Union Government proposes to provide to the Government of Punjab in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Government of Punjab intends to develop Mohali as an IT Hub and the proposed investment of Rs 200 Crore is announced by the State Government is aimed at upgradation of infrastructure at Mohali for industry in general and IT, ITES, Electronics & Communications, BioTech and other Hi-Tech industry in particular.

(b): The Government of India has given in principle clearance to an IT based Special Economic Zone on Mohali.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) an autonomous society under Government of India, Department of Information Technology has set up its Centre with an investment of Rs 5 Crores at Mohali to provide statutory and High Speed Data Communication services to the software industry.