

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMPUTER HARDWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether India is lagging behind in the setting up of Computer Hardware Technology Parks;
- (b) the number of Hardware manufacturing units functioning in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give special tax exemption for setting up Technology Parks so that they can compete with Taiwan and China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) and (b): The Electronics Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Scheme of the Government of India is governed by the Foreign Trade Policy of the Department of Commerce. Upto December 2006, 108 units were operational under the EHTP Scheme.
- (c) and (d): Income Tax benefit is available to the developers under the 'Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Scheme', promoted by the Department of Commerce and also under the 'Industrial Park Scheme', promoted by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion under Section 80-1A of the Income Tax Act. Technology Parks can be set up under either of the above Schemes.