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SETTING UP OF CENTRES BY STPI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has proposed to set up more centers in tier-II and tier-III cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the locations likely to be selected for setting up more centers in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(d) the criteria likely to be adopted for the selection of the cities; and

(e) the investments likely to be made for setting up these centers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has setup 51 centers across the country, out of which 44 centers are in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. The location of new centres being set up are given in the Annexure.

(d) and (e): As per current policy for setting up a new STPI Centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq.ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crore to STPI. The Department of Information Technology, Government of India provides a seed capital of Rs. 50 lakhs to STPI for setting up of New STPI Centres. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.

Annexure

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List of new centers being setup

Sr.No.  Name of Centres (State)

1       Surat (Gujarat)

2       Bhopal, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)

3       Jamshedpur and Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

4       Agartala (Tripura)

5       Gurgaon (Haryana)

6       Gulberga (Karnataka)

7       Varanasi & Agra (Uttar Pradesh)
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