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DEVELOPMENT OF IT SECTOR IN SMALL CITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the interior western part of the country is still lagging behind in the Information Technology sector;
- (b) if so, whether Government has proposed to take any initiative to spread the benefits of Information Technology to the small cities of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Ahmedabad on the lines of Bangalore; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Software Technology Park of India (STPI) has set up 51 centers across the country, out of which 44 centers are in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. The State wise STPI center details are enclosed at Annexure.

As per current policy for setting up a new Software Technology Park of India (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 Centers. 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.