GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:426
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2010
DEVELOPMENT OF IT CITIES
Dashmunsi Deepa ;Mishra Shri Mahabal

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

(a) the details of the physical as well as the financial targets fixed and achieved for setting up of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centres in the country under the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise:

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to develop new Information Technology (IT) cities in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 426 FOR 26-04-2010 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF IT CITIES

(a) to (c): Software Technology Parks of India(STPI), is an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology (DIT), Government of India. As per policy for setting up a new STPI centre, on receiving a proposal from the State Government, STPI jointly with the State Government concerned conducts a feasibility study to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal. As per current policy, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and Grant-in-aid of Rs.1 Crore to STPI. After approval of the new STPI centre, DIT/STPI provide a seed capital of Rs 50 lakhs. Since the initiative for setting up a STPI centre lies with the State Government, it is not feasible for STPI to set targets for setting up of new STPI centres.

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, three new STPI centres at Haldia (West Bengal), Shillong (Meghalaya) and Patna (Bihar) have been set up. A total of 51 STPI centres are already operational in the country. The State wise list of STPI centres is given in Annexure-I. The status of approved new STPI centres, which are at different stages of implementation, is given at Annexure-II.

Government has no scheme for developing Information Technology (IT) cities in the country. However, the Government of India has issued a Gazette Notification on 28th May 2008 for setting up of Information Technology Investment Regions (ITIRs) to promote investment in the Information Technology (IT)/Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES)/Electronic Hardware Manufacturing (EHM) units. Under the scheme, ITIRs would be specifically delineated investment regions with a minimum area of around 40 square kilometer along with the associated services and infrastructure. Such a complex would augment exports and generate employment. State Governments are to play the lead role in setting up of the ITIR. The ITIR policy will help investment in IT sector in upcoming cities/towns and remote areas.