

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop software industry/Sector in Tier II cities in the vicinity of International airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of the exports made by these cities in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) and (b) : 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. The ITIR policy will help investment in IT sector in upcoming cities/towns and remote areas. The State Governments are to play the lead role in setting up of the ITIR. 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 (National highways, airports, telecom, railways). Such a complex would augment exports and generate employment. Currently, proposals from the State of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have been received for setting up of ITIRs in and around Hyderabad /Ranga Reddy District of Andhra Pradesh and in Bhubaneswar respectively. As per the Software Technology Park of India(STPI), the IT-ITES exports by STP units from the State of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa is Rs. 31039 crore and Rs. 1162 crore respectively during the year 2008-09. The most of IT-ITES exports (over 95%) from each of the States is contributed by the city of Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar.