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

(a) the total number of Software Technology Parks have been set up in the country during the last three years and the current year; State-wise and Location-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more said Parks in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology (D1T), Government of India has set up 51 STPI centres across the country. The State wise list of STPI centres is given in Annexure-I. During the last three years (2007-10), three new centres have been set up at Haldia (West Bengal), Shillong (Meghalaya) and Patna (Bihar) respectively.

(b) & (c): As the initiative to set up a STPI centre lies with the State Government, it is not feasible for STPI to have targets for setting up new STPI centres in the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. The proposal to set up more said Parks is based on demand from State Governments. As per policy for setting up a new STPI centre; on receipt of a proposal from the State Government, STPI conducts a feasibility study jointly with the concerned State Government. This study is undertaken to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal. If the viability exists, further action is initiated by STPI to set up the centre. At this stage, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and Grant-in-aid of Rs.I Crore to STPI. After approval of the new STPI centre, DIT/STPI provide a seed capital of Rs 50 lakhs. The status of approved new STPI centres, which are in different stages of implementation, is given at Annexure-Il.