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SETTING UP OF IT PARKS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government has any proposal to set up Software Technology Parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise and location-wise including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the amount of funds likely to be spent in this regard;
- (d) the projections likely to be made during the Eleventh Five year Plan period in the country, State-wise and location-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Information Technology (DIT), Government of India has set up 52 STPI Centres across the country. The State -wise and location-wise list of STPI Centres including Maharashtra is given in the Annexure. Details of the STPI centres set-up during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Financial Year Centres/Location State

2007-08 Haldia West Bengal
 Shillong Meghalaya
 Patna Bihar

2008-09 Nil Nil

2009-10 Nil Nil

2010-11 Behrampur Orissa
(current year)

(c) and (d): As the initiative to set up a STPI centre lies with the State Government, it is not feasible for STPI to make projections for setting up new STPI centres in the Eleventh Five Year Plan period and amount of funds likely to be spent in this regard. 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.1 Crore to STPI. After approval of the new STPI centre, DIT/STPI provide a seed capital of Rs 50 lakhs.