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DEVELOPMENT OF STPI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for developing Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Centres in the country including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof , State-wise and location-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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 Jharkhand is given in Annexure-I. Also, the status of approved new STPI Centres including Jharkhand, which are in different stages of implementation is given in Annexure – II.

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.

(c): Does not arise.