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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance to the States to set up 'special data infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the State of Gujarat in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Department of Information Technology (DIT) under the National e-Governance Plan is setting up State Data centres (SDCs) across all States / UTs in the country. The entire cost for setting up of the State Data Centre in the States/UTs will be met by the Government of India which includes both the Capital Investment and Operational and Maintenance Expenses over a period of 5 years.
- (b), (c) and (d): DIT has approved setting up of the SDC for Gujarat, with a financial outlay of Rs.55.04 cores over a period of 5 years. Gujarat Informatics Limited (GIL) is the State Implementing Agency and an amount of Rs.15.67 crores has already been released. The SDC has been implemented and is now operational.