

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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SOFTWARE TECH. PARKS

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

- (a) the details of the proposals for setting up of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) received from various State Governments during the last three years and the current year, as on date, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) the details of proposals approved by the Union Government, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed/proposed to review the functioning of STPI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government plans to develop IT cities in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a)and(b): As per Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), the details of the proposals for setting up of STPI Centres received from various State Governments during the last three years and the current year, as on date, State-wise and location-wise; are:-

1. Pauri & Almora (Uttrakhand)    6. Chhindwara, Jabalpur (MP)

2. Deoghar (Jharkhand)    7. Kapurthala (Punjab)

3. Shimoga & Belgaum (Karnataka)    8. RupNagar (Punjab)

4. Sambalpur (Odisha)    9. Balasore (Odisha)

5. Ajmer (Rajasthan)    10. Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)

As per the current policy, the State Government has to provide prescribed land, built up space and Grant-in-aid to STPI. A feasibility study is conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.

As per STPI, the proposals at Sl. No. 5 to 7 are under consideration. Other proposals were either not feasible or were not according to STPI policy or confirmation was not given for the prescribed State share.

(c)and(d): Yes, Sir. The functioning of STPI is constantly being reviewed by D1T through Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee (IMSC) for Software Technology Parks (STPs) units and Electronics Hardware Technology Parks (EHTPs). As on 31.3.2011, 5565 STP units were exporting and 294 new units were registered under the STP Scheme during the FY 2010-11. The export by STP units has increased from Rs. 205505 crores in 2009-2010 to Rs. 215262 crores in 2010-2031 with a year-on-year growth of 4.75%.

(e)and(f): Government has brought out an Information Technology Investment Regions (ITIR) policy resolution notified in the Gazette of India in May 2008 under which each State / UT in India can set up an integrated township for facilitating growth of IT/BPO and Sunrise Industries with world class infrastructure.

Proposals from the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu are at various stages of evaluation.