

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS

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

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- (a) whether the Government has developed new Software Technology Parks (STPI) in the country in the XIth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon so far, State-wise;
- (c) the future action plan prepared for XIth Five Year Plan to set up such new STPI Parks and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) the other initiative taken by the Government for development and promotion of information Technology Tier 2,3 and 4 cities/towns, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Four new STPI Centres were made operational during the XI Five Year plan and the amount spent thereon is; Rs.280.5 Lakh for Berhampur, Odisha, Rs. 177.2 Lakh for Shillong, Meghalaya, Rs. 111.2 lakh for Haldia, West. Bengal & Rs.433.0 Lakh for Patna, Bihar.

(c): The Government of India, Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) has proposed Rs.15 Crore for XIth Five Year Plan for STP and EFITP scheme. The setting up of a new STPI centre depends upon the demand of the States, feasibility study and fulfilment of State contribution.

(d); Government has provided several incentives for IT Sector, which include allowing duty free import of goods required by them for carrying on software export activities, excise exemption, CST reimbursement/exemption, Income Tax exemption and various fiscal concessions in Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

Also, the Government of India has brought out an Information Technology Investment Regions (ITIRs) policy, 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.