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EXPANSION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment for the possibilities of earning more foreign exchange through export in information technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of information technology in Tier 2 and 3 cities and towns;
- (d) the details of proposals received from various State Governments for setting up Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) during the last three years and the current year, state-wise and location-wise;
- (e) the action taken by the Government on each of the proposals, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the functioning of the STPI; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): As per the Report of the Working Group on Information Technology Sector for the XII five year plan set up by the Planning Commission, the IT-ITES industry's exports are forecast to grow at a CAGR of 13.8% and reach USD 130 billion by FY 2016-17 from USD 68.7 billion (Estimated) in FY 2011-2012.

(c): Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications & Information Technology has set up 52 Centers across the country, out of which 45 centres are located in Tier-2 and Tier-3 Cities. Further, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification No. G.S.R. No: 597 (E) dated 12 July, 2010 has amended Rule 5 (b) of the SEZ Rules to relax the condition regarding minimum built-up area requirement in respect of SEZs located in B1 and B2 category cities, making them attractive for investment.

(d) and (e): As per Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), the following proposals have been received from various State Governments/UT for setting up of STPI Centres during the last three years and the current year:-

S. No. Location (State/UT)

- 1 Deoghar (Jharkhand)
- 2 Ajmer (Rajasthan)
- 3 Sambalpur (Odisha)
- 4 Shimoga and Belgaum (Karnataka)
- 5 Chhindwara and Jabalpur (MP)
- 6 RupNagar (Punjab)
- 7 Balasore (Odisha)
- 8 Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)

These proposals are at various stages of evaluation.

(f) and (g): There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.