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

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- (a) the present status of setting up integrated IT township in India;
- (b) the details of the State Governments came forward to set up IT township. State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage setting up of such townships in various States;
- (d) whether the Government has allowed/proposes to allow Public Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme for such townships; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (e): Government of India announced policy to setup Information Technology Investment Regions (ITIRs) in May` 2008 to promote investment in the Information Technology (IT)/ Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES)/Electronic Hardware Manufacturing (EHM) sector. ITIRs would be specifically delineated investment regions with a minimum area of around 40 sq. kms. with minimum 40% processing area. Planned for the establishment of IT/ ITES and Electronic Hardware Manufacturing unit facilities along with the associated services and infrastructure, ITIRs may include Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Industrial Park and Warehousing Zones, Export Oriented Units. The policy visualizes that the State Government would play the lead role in setting up of ITIRs. Central Government will provide necessary viability gap funding for external infrastructure through existing schemes.

All the State Governments were requested to send proposal for setting up of ITIR. The proposals were received from States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Odisha. The proposal from the States of Kamataka, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha were considered by High Power Committee. The Government of Karnataka proposed for setting up ITIR near Bengaluru region in an area of 42.51 sq. kms. The Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed to set up ITIR in an area of 202 sq. kms. in 3 clusters/agglomerations in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy District. The Government of Odisha had proposed to set up ITIR in an area o'f 41.32 sq. kms. near Bhubaneswar region. The Government of Tamilnadu has proposed for setting up of ITIR in 500 sq. kms area in Chengalpattu, Sriperumbudur and Kanchipuram.

Certain details were sought with respect to proposal from Government of Tamilnadu.

State Governments can use different models for taking up projects within ITIRs including Public Private Partnership.