

**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) the details of the physical as well as the financial targets fixed and achieved by the Software Technology Parks in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the reasons, if any, for under performance therein;
- (c) the targets fixed, both physical as well as financial under the Eleventh Five Year Plan to set up more Software Technology Parks in the country State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to fulfill these targets without any further delay?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As per the policy for setting up a Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and Grant-in-aid of Rs.1 Crore to STPI, after the feasibility study report, which is conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government concerned. Therefore, it is not feasible for STPI to set targets for setting up of new STPI Centres. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, STPI set up 13 new Centres and a total of 48 STPI Centres were operational in the country by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan. Exports through STP units increased to Rs.144,214 Crores in the Financial Year 2006-07 (Terminal year of the Tenth Five Year Plan) from Rs. 37,176 Crores in the Financial Year 2002-03, registering a CAGR of 37.33 percent.

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, 3 new STPI Centres have been set up and as of now a total of 51 STPI centres are operational in the country. List of the STPI Centres is given in the Annexure. The exports through STP units has increased from Rs. 1,80,155 crores in 2007-08 to Rs. 207358 crores in 2008-09, with a year on year growth of 15.1 percent.