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DEVELOPMENT OF IT SECTOR IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposals for setting up more Information Technology Parks;

(b) if so, the Government`s reaction thereon and the details indicating outlay thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give special emphasis on promotion of IT industries in Karnataka; and

(d) the details thereof and the action taken thereto?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): As per the Directorate of IT&BT, Government of Karnataka, no proposal has been submitted for setting up of Information Technology parks. However, the Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal to set up ITIR near Bengaluru, under the Information Technology Investment Region(ITIR) Policy of Department of Electronics & Information Technology. The proposal was approved on 04-03-2013 and consequently notified on 26-06-2013. As regard the Central support, an outlay of Rs. 7010 Crore has been envisaged towards external infrastructure as sought by Government of Karnataka.

(c) and (d): The Government extends several incentives for Information Technology Sector. Under the Software Technology Parks (STP) scheme, which is administered by the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications & IT, the IT-ITES units are eligible for various benefits such as Customs Duty exemption on imported goods, reimbursement of Central Sales Tax (CST) and Excise Duty exemptions on procurement of indigenously manufactured goods. Further, the Department of Commerce (DOC), Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) and Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme assists exporters especially Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for export promotion activities abroad.

Software Technology Parks of India, an autonomous society under the Department of Electronics & Information Technology is engaged in the promotion and development of Information Technology (IT) and Information Technology enabled Services. STPI has set up STPI centres at Bengaluru, Hubli, Mangalore, Manipal and Mysore in the State of Karnataka. Out of 238, 32 IT-ITES specific SEZs notified by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry are located in the State of Karnataka.