

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IT for Differently Abled
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether Telangana will be the first State in the country to make its IT and ITES buildings and differently-abled friendly; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereon along with the funds spent for this purpose?

Answer

ANSWER

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

(a): Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) does not track data with respect to initiatives of the different States in making their IT and ITES buildings differently-abled friendly. As per the information received from Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C Department), Government of Telangana, the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) is implementing a 5 point retrofitting program which, inter-alia, covers retrofitting the existing buildings into Green Buildings, Barrier Free and Accessible Buildings and Zero Waste Buildings, which was launched in July 2014.

(b): The details and status of the retrofitting Program are as under:

- i. National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) Foundation is working with the TSIIC on the components of Barrier Free Accessible Buildings and E-Waste Management.
- ii. The objective of the project is to transform the existing buildings of the above IT parks into accessible buildings. The larger objective of the proposal is to create awareness amongst the organizations and motivate them to include persons with disabilities in their workforce.
- iii. Preparation of feasibility report has been completed and work towards implementation stage has just started.
- iv. An amount of Rs 10.18 lakhs has been spent so far in the feasibility study phase.
