## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3465 ANSWERED ON:04.08.2014 SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS OF INDIA Kumar Shri P.

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

- (a) the total physical and fiscal targets fixed and achieved by Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) during the current five year plan period so far, year-wise and category-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the under-performance of targets achieved by STPI in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## **Answer**

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

- (a): A total of 53 Software Technology of Parks of India (STPI) centres are currently operational in the country. As per policy for setting up a new STPI centre, on receipt of a proposal from the State Government, STPI jointly with the State Government concerned conducts a feasibility study to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal. Since the initiative for setting up a STPI centre lies with the State Government, it is not feasible for STPI to set targets for setting up of new STPI centres.
- (b) to (d): The main objective of STPI is to promote IT-ITeS exports from the country. The services rendered by STPI Centres include statutory services to various STP units as per the Foreign Trade Policy, Datacom Services and the incubation facilities. The Centres are rendering aforesaid services to their clients.