

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any software technology parks under the policy of taking IT revolution to the rural areas of the country particularly in the backward areas of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of such parks?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous Society under the Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, has set up 53 centres across the country including 6 Centres in Maharashtra. The State-wise list of STPI centres is at ANNEXURE.

(c): As per policy for setting up a new STPI Centre, on the receipt of a request of a State Government, a feasibility study is undertaken by STPI jointly with the State Government to assess the export potential of the location/city. Further, subject to aforesaid feasibility, State Government is required to provide minimum 3 acres of developed land and minimum 20,000 sq. ft. built-up space. In case, the State Government is not able to provide minimum 20,000 square feet of built-up space, it is required to provide Rs. 5 Crore of grant-in-aid in lieu of the built-up space. Regarding the grant-in-aid, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology provides the seed money for implementation of the project.