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PROMOTION OF IT IN NER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for promotion of Information Technology (IT) and setting up IT related industry in North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and likely investment to be made in this regard, State-wise; and
- (c) the time frame fixed for the purpose ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government has envisaged a Scheme for promotion of BPO Operations in North Eastern Region (NER), for creation of employment opportunities and growth of IT-ITES Industry. The proposed Scheme with layout of Rs. 50 crore under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for NER would, inter-alia, lay down the appropriate guidelines in regard to eligibility, location, nature of support to the Industry and other related aspects. The Scheme would be operationalized, after obtaining necessary approvals of the Competent Authority. Further, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), an Autonomous Scientific Society of Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, is implementing various capacity building and skill development activities in IT areas in NER. Currently, 16 Centres/Extension Centres of NIELIT are operational in NER.