GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2801

TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.03.2023

IT PARK IN MOHALI

2801. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to set up Information Technology Park at Mohali in the State of Punjab, during the current year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has allocated funds for the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has planned to establish Software Technology Parks in Punjab in the next five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), is instrumental in taking digital technologies across the country to drive the Government's initiatives to the smaller towns. As on date, one STPI centre is operational in Punjab at Mohali. The said centre has 1,40,100 Sq. Ft of built-up space and is providing statutory, incubation, datacom and data centre services to the IT/ ITeS industry and start-ups of the region.
- (b): As per the current policy of setting up of new STPI centre, the concerned State Government / Centres of Excellence/Higher Educational Institution has to provide minimum 2 acres of developed land free of cost on long term lease or 50,000 sq. ft. built-up area free of cost on long term lease and a feasibility study would also be required by STPI jointly with the State Government / Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution to assess the potential of the location. In these lines, if the State Government / Centres of Excellence /Higher Educational Institution provides minimum 2 acres of land, STPI will construct minimum 20,000 Sq. Ft of built-up space from its own internal accruals. Therefore, no funds from Government of India are allocated for same.
- (c): Yes, Sir. Government of India has also approved one new STPI centre in Punjab at Amritsar.
- (d): The upcoming new STPI centre at Amritsar (Punjab) will have 38,000 Sq. Ft. of built-up space to cater to the need of IT/ ITeS industry and start-ups of the region by providing statutory, incubation, datacom and data centre services.
