

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2939**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.12.2024

**ESTABLISHMENT OF IT PARKS IN TIER-II AND TIER-III CITIES**

**2939. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:**

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the plan of Government of Tamil Nadu to establish a Mini Information Technology (IT) Park in Rasipuram, Namakkal district;
- (b) if so, whether Government has provided any financial assistance or other support for this project;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to encourage the establishment of IT Parks in Tier-II and Tier-III cities like Rasipuram, including the formulation of guidelines and policies; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to set up a dedicated IT Park company to accelerate the development of IT infrastructure in such regions?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b): The Export Infrastructure Division of Department of Commerce, Government of India is implementing a scheme namely 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)', a Central Sector Scheme w.e.f. F.Y. 2017-18 with the objective to enhance export competitiveness by bridging gaps in export infrastructure, creating focused export infrastructure, first mile and last mile connectivity for export-oriented projects. It provides assistance for setting up and up-gradation of infrastructure projects with overwhelming export linkages. Project proposals received from various State/UT/Central Government Agencies are considered for release of grant under the Scheme.

The Central Government assistance for infrastructure creation is in the form of grant-in-aid, normally not more than the equity being put in by the implementing agency or 50% of the total equity in the project. (In case of projects located in North Eastern States and Himalayan States including J&K, this grant can be upto 80% of the total equity). In addition, the States with relative poor export infrastructure, lacking institutional capacity for preparing good DPRs but have positive export potential, this grant can be upto 80% of the total equity.

The Scheme has been extended for 15th Finance Commission Period i.e. FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 with total outlay of Rs. 360 crore. A total of 66 projects have been sanctioned under TIES till date and are located in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Manipur, Delhi, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tripura, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Bihar. (21 States/UTs).

In Tamil Nadu, 3 projects for the 'Development of Mini Tidel Park' have been approved under TIES. Details of the three projects and fund released under TIES are at **Annexure-I**. However, No project proposal, under TIES, has been received from Govt. of Tamil Nadu to establish "Mini IT Park in Rasipuram, Namakkal District".

(c) and (d): The Government of India is making continuous efforts to promote IT industry across India including smaller cities and towns and has initiated multiple schemes and programmes for growth of IT industry in this regard.

The Software Technology Park (STP) is the one of the most important schemes in this effort. Under this scheme, Software Technology Parks have been established in 65 cities across India with 57 centres in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities like Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli etc. The STP centres provide incubator facility which help entrepreneurs to convert their innovative ideas into startups. The incubator facility provides opportunity of meeting with investors like Venture Capitalists (VCs), mentors from IITs/NITs/Industry and networking opportunity with IT professionals through implementation of various schemes, programmes and Centres of Entrepreneurship.

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**Annexure-I**

**(Amount in Rs. Crore)**

S.No.	Implementing Agency	Project Name	Total Project Cost	TIES approved fund	Amount released with Month, Year	Total fund Fund released till date
1	Tidel Neo Limited	Development of Mini Tidel Park in Thiruchitrambalam District Villupuram	30.63	12.34	6.17 - Nov, 2022	7.7125
					1.5425- Nov.,2024	
2	Tidel Neo Limited	Development of Mini Tidel Park in Meelavitan- II Village, Thoothukudi Taluk	30.63	12.34	6.17 - Nov, 2022	7.7125
					1.5425- Nov.,2024	
3	Tidel Neo Limited	Development of Mini TIDEL Park in Pillayarpati Village, Thanjavur	32.11	12.95	6.47 - Nov, 2022	8.09
					1.62 – Nov, 2024	

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