

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT IN DATA CENTRES

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

- (a) the manner in which Government is promoting investments in data centres to establish India as a global data centre hub, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to encourage the setting up of data centres in Tier-II and Tier-III cities, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to prevent a bidding war for minerals, land and water as per Economic Survey 2024-25 and ensure sustainable expansion of data centres, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is incentivising data centres to utilise green power for their operations, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has regular interactions with Data Centre industry and other relevant stakeholders for promoting Data Centre industry in the country.

As part of efforts to facilitate Data Centre proliferation, various infrastructure development activities, are being mapped on the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan platform including Data Centres. This serves as a tool to assess the feasibility of potential Data Centre locations based on the availability of infrastructure such as land, power/Green power etc.

To facilitate the Data Centre industry, Government issued gazette notification on 11.10.2022 to include Data Centre with a minimum capacity of 5 Megawatt (MW) of Information Technology (IT) load under the Harmonized list of Infrastructure.

Decision to set up of Data Centre at a particular location is decided by respective Data Centre developers depending upon their business viability and technical requirements. In the context of Data Centres, no instance of a bidding war for minerals, land, and water has been reported. Further Government is not incentivising Data Centre industry for usage of green power for their operations.
