GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *141
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2026

INVESTMENTS FROM MAJOR TECH COMPANIES IN AI DATA CENTER SECTOR

***141. SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:**

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

(a) the details of the growing global investments from major tech companies and domestic groups in India's Artificial Intelligence (AI) data center sector;
(b) the manner in which the development of coastal data hubs and renewable energy access will strengthen India's position as a global leader in AI; and
(c) whether Government is planning to bring a comprehensive National Data Centre Policy to incentivise the data centre development in India, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *141 FOR 31.07.2026 REGARDING "INVESTMENTS FROM MAJOR TECH COMPANIES IN AI DATA CENTER SECTOR"

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(a) to (c): India's AI mission is anchored in Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the democratization of technology. Under the IndiaAI Mission, the Government is constructing a sovereign AI stack encompassing compute capacity, foundational models, and indigenous applications.

Data centres are an important & integral component of the Digital Infrastructure ecosystem. The Data Centre industry in India has been growing at a steady pace. The rapid growth of AI and high-performance computing is driving increasing demand for data centre capacity in the country.

Data centres are located across the country, such as in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Noida and Jamnagar, among others. The installed capacity has grown from **375 MW in 2020** to current capacity of about **1575 MW.**

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, several global technology companies, investors and domestic industry leaders announced investments towards AI infrastructure, cloud computing, data centres, AI innovation and digital capacity building in India. These announcements reflect growing confidence in India's AI ecosystem and its emergence as a preferred destination for AI infrastructure and innovation.

The development of AI-ready data centre infrastructure, including data hubs with access to international subsea cable networks and reliable clean energy sources, can strengthen India's position as a globally connected, resilient and sustainable digital economy. Such infrastructure supports low-latency international connectivity, enables large-scale AI workloads, enhances competitiveness in cloud and AI services, and contributes to India's aspirations of becoming a global hub for digital innovation serving both domestic and international markets.

Government has undertaken various measures to boost data centre development in the country:

1. Data Centres are included in Harmonized List of Infrastructure Sub Sectors (October 2022), enabling easier access to finance.
2. Building parameters for Data Centre Building are included in National Building Construction Standard (NBCS), 2026.
3. In the Union Budget 2026-27, Government has made a long term announcement regarding companies providing cloud services globally by using data centres from India to attract investments in the sector.
4. The Government of India is promoting renewable energy through measures such as Green Energy Open Access Rules, Green Energy Corridor Scheme, Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM), National Green Hydrogen Mission, National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV Modules, Offshore Wind VGF Scheme and Solar Park Scheme.

5. Various states have introduced Data Centre policies for attracting business. These policies are majorly focused on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and creation of industry ready infrastructure.

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