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IT & ITES SERVICES

125. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether the Government has provided adequate financial and infrastructure facilities to develop employment opportunities in the field of Information Technology and IT enabled services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of IT and ITES employees employed in Government, Public and Private sector companies in the country; and
- (d) the new employment opportunity likely to be created in these sector in near future?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c): According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), direct employment in the IT services and BPO/ITeS segment is estimated to be growing at approximately 6 % reaching to 3.7 million in 2015-16 with over 200,000 jobs being added during the year. Indirect job creation is estimated at 10.0 million.

The phenomenal success of the Information Technology and IT Enabled Services (IT-ITES) industry has been possible through the pivotal role played by the Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme and provision of fiscal benefits (available till 01-04-2011) under Section 10A of the Income Tax Act. In addition, STP Units continue to avail various other benefits, in accordance with the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) which, inter-alia, include Customs Duty exemption on imported goods, reimbursement of Central Sales Tax (CST) and Excise Duty exemptions on procurement of indigenously manufactured goods. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) an autonomous Society under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has setup 56 centres across the country as per the list (State/UT wise) at **Annexure**, which provide single window clearance and infrastructure facilities especially to Small and Medium Enterprises and start-ups.

Department of Commerce (DOC), Ministry of Commerce & Industry which is the nodal Department for SEZs, has notified 204 IT-ITES specific Special Economic Zones (SEZs). Currently, the SEZs units are eligible for tax benefits as per Section 10AA of the Income Tax Act for a period of 15 years in a phased manner. The above schemes have facilitated creation of employment opportunities in the IT-ITES sector in the country.

(d): The IT-ITES industry keep transforming itself to create business impact for its clients and move up the value chain from focusing on costs, to providing operational excellence, then moving to providing business solutions, improving productivity and now currently providing business innovation. New technologies such as Internet of Things, Robotics, Big data analytics, nanotechnology, gaming and next generation genomics would create more employment opportunities.

ANNEXURE

List of 56 existing STPI Centres

SN	States	Location		
1	Andhra Pradesh	Kakinada		
2		Tirupati		
3		Vijayawada		
4		Vizag		
5	Assam	Guwahati		
6	Bihar	Patna		
7	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai		
8	Gujarat	Gandhinagar		
9		Surat		
10	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla		
11	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar		
12		Jammu		
13	Jharkhand	Ranchi		
14	Karnataka	Bangaluru		
15		Hubli		
16		Mangalore		
17		Manipal		
18		Mysore		
19	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram		
20	Madhya Pradesh	Indore		
21		Gwalior		
22	Maharashtra	Aurangabad		
23		Nagpur		
24		Nasik		
25		Navi Mumbai		
26		Kolhapur		
27		Pune		
28	Manipur	Imphal		

29	Meghalya	Shillong		
30	Mizoram	Aizwal		
31	Orissa	Bhubaneswar		
32		Rourkela		
33		Berhampur		
34	Pondicherry	Pondicherry		
35	Punjab	Mohali		
36	Rajasthan	Jaipur		
37		Jodhpur		
38	Sikkim	Gangtok		
39	Tamilnadu	Chennai		
40		Coimbatore		
41		Madurai		
42		Tirunelveli		
43		Trichy		
44	Telangana	Hyderabad		
45		Warangal		
46	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur		
47		Lucknow		
48		Noida		
49		Allahabad		
50	Uttarakhand	Dehradun		
51	West Bengal	Kolkata		
52		Durgapur		
53		Kharagpur		
54		Siliguri		
55		Haldia		
56	Haryana	Gurugram		