GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2735 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.01.2018

BPO IN RURAL AREAS

2735. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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

(a) whether in order to promote rural Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) scheme, the Government has plans to list its services on the Government e-Market (GeM) place portal and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has relaxed norms for bank guarantee and also waived off the limit of only one-third seats for one company in each location to provide more flexibility and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to list some of the BPO/ITeS services procured by Government Ministries/Departments on Government e-Market (GeM) place.

(b): Yes, Sir. The Government has reduced the bank guarantee to 10% from 100% for promoting entrepreneurs and small units, and removed the cap on number of seats to one bidder in a State in order to facilitate setting up of large BPO/ITeS units. Details are available at <u>www.meity.gov.in/ibps</u> and <u>https://ibps.stpi.in/</u>
