**STPIs**

**2437.   DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:      SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
(a)   the number of Software Technology Parks (STPs) established in the country;
(b)   the number of persons trained in the STPs during the last three years;
(c)   whether many institutions running STPs are engaging in misrepresentation of number of people trained by them;
(d)    if so, whether the Government will bring transparency in training of people and funds utilised for the same and if so, the steps taken in this regard so far;
(e)   the present status of the IT parks including the one in Bhopal; and
(f)   the time by the new/planned IT parks are likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a):   Sir, the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) was set up in 1991 as an autonomous society under the Ministry with the objective of encouraging, promoting and boosting the Software Exports from India.   STPI has been implementing the Software Technology Parks (STP) scheme and the Electronics Hardware Technology Parks (EHTP) scheme for the promotion of IT/ ITeS and Hardware industry respectively.   A total of 58 STPI centres have been established in the country, as of now, out of which 50 centres are in Tier II and Tier III cities. State-wise list of functional STPI centres is enclosed at Annexure- I.

(b):   Sir, the STPI centres are not engaged in any training activity.   Further, these are administered exclusively by STPI HQ and respective jurisdictions.  The main objectives of STPI centres are:
- To promote the region as one of the preferred IT destination and to attract IT/ ITeS/ BPO Units to the State;
- To promote the export of IT Software and Services from the region thus contributing to Gross National Exports;
- To provide Statutory Services under Software Technology Park (STP) and Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Schemes of the Government;
- To provide High-Speed Data Communication and other value added services; and
- Stimulate creation of direct and indirect employment opportunities.

Some of the STPI Centres are also offering plug-n-play incubation services.  Further, STPI is in the process of setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in select technology domains.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.
(e) and (f): Sir, there is no separate scheme for IT parks being administered by the Ministry. Further, a new STPI centre is set-up based on a specific demand from respective State Government.  As per the policy for this, the State Government/ Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution are required to provide:
- minimum 2 acres of developed land free of cost on long term lease, or 50,000 sq. ft. built-up area free of cost on long term lease, and
- Feasibility study by STPI jointly with the State Government/ Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution to assess the potential of the location.

In case the State Government/ Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution provides a minimum 2 acres of land, STPI constructs a minimum 20,000 sq.ft. built-up space as per the approved policy guidelines for "Infrastructure development at STPI centre and populating of incubation facilities".

The Governing Council (GC) of STPI has approved a total of 24 new STPI centres including one at Bhopal (M.P.).  STPI has established its centre at Bhopal and is ready for formal inauguration.  It has a built-up area of 24,428 Sq. ft. on a land of 3 acre provided by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.  Out of this total built-up area, 1570 Sq. ft. has been developed as Plug n Plug Incubation space with 26 seats and 7367 Sq. ft. has been developed as Raw Incubation space.  One incubation unit is already availing Raw Incubation space.

The other new upcoming STPI centres are at different stages of implementation and operationalization. The State-wise List of upcoming STPI centres is enclosed at Annexure- II.
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**List of existing STPI Centres**

| # | State | Centre Name |
|---|---|---|
| 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 | Goa | Goa |
| 11 | Haryana | Gurgaon |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | Shimla |
| 13 | Jammu and Kashmir | Jammu |
| 14 | | Srinagar |
| 15 | Jharkhand | Ranchi |
| 16 | Karnataka | Bengaluru |
| 17 | | Hubli |
| 18 | | Mangalore |
| 19 | | Manipal |
| 20 | | Mysore |
| 21 | Kerala | Thiruvananthapuram |
| 22 | Madhya Pradesh | Gwalior |
| 23 | | Indore |
| 24 | Maharashtra | Aurangabad |
| 25 | | Kolhapur |
| 26 | | Nagpur |
| 27 | | Nasik |
| 28 | | Mumbai |
| 29 | | Pune |
| 30 | Manipur | Imphal |
| 31 | Meghalaya | Shillong |
| 32 | Mizoram | Aizawl |
| 33 | Odisha | Berhampur |
| 34 | | Bhubaneswar |
| 35 | | Rourkela |
| 36 | Pondicherry | Pondicherry |
| 37 | Punjab | Mohali |
| 38 | Rajasthan | Jaipur |
| 39 | | Jodhour |
| 40 | Sikkim | Gangtok |
| 41 | Tamil Nadu | Chennai |
| 42 | | Coimbatore |
| 43 | | Madurai |
| 44 | | Tirunelveli |
| 45 | | Trichy |
| 46 | Telangana | Hyderabad |
| 47 | | Warangal |
| 48 | Uttar Pradesh | Allahabad |
| 49 | | Kanpur |
| 50 | | Lucknow |
| 51 | | Noida |
| 52 | Uttarakhand | Dehradun |
| 53 | West Bengal | Durgapur |
| 54 | | Haldia |
| 55 | | Kharagpur |
| 56 | | Kolkata |
| 57 | | Siliguri |
| 58 | Tripura | Agartala |

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**List of upcoming STPI Centres**

| # | State | Centre Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | Itanagar |
| 2 | Bihar | Bhagalpur |
| 3 | | Darbhanga |
| 4 | Jharkhand | Bokaro |
| 5 | | Deoghar |
| 6 | | Dhanbad |
| 7 | | Jamshedpur |
| 8 | Madhya Pradesh | Bhopal |
| 9 | | Chhindwada |
| 10 | | Jabalpur |
| 11 | Nagaland | Kohima-Dimapur |
| 12 | Odisha | Angul |
| 13 | | Balasore |
| 14 | | Jajpur |
| 15 | | Koraput (Jeypore) |
| 16 | | Sambalpur |
| 17 | Punjab | Amritsar |
| 18 | Karnataka | Davangere |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | Agra |
| 20 | | Gorakhpur |
| 21 | | Meerut |
| 22 | | Varanasi |
| 23 | Haryana | Panchkula |
| 24 | Gujarat | Bhavnagar |

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