

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HUBS IN CITIES

5741. SHRI CHANDAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Information Technology hubs in small cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase foreign direct investment in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India (GoI) has taken various initiatives for promoting Information Technology (IT)/ IT enabled Services (ITeS) industry across the country including small cities.

(b): Till date, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has established 62 STPI Centres across the country for promotion of IT/ ITeS industry. Out of these, 54 STPI Centres are in Tier II/ III cities. List of existing STPI Centres is at **Annexure-I**.

Further, for creation of employment opportunities and dispersal of IT/ ITeS industry in small cities, GoI had launched India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) & North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS) under Digital India Program. These Schemes provide financial support up to Rs. 1 lakh per seat in the form of viability gap funding towards capital and operational expenditures for setting up of BPO/ ITeS operations. The duration of these Schemes was up to 31.03.2019 & 31.03.2020 respectively to invite bids, however disbursements may continue beyond this period.

(c): Government of India(GoI) has approved 22 new STPI centres in Tier II/ III locations. List of these newly approved STPI Centres is at **Annexure-II**.

As on date, 246 units have set up BPO/ ITeS operations under BPO Promotion schemes distributed across 27 States/ UTs across the country, providing direct employment to 50,515 persons.

Further, GoI has approved Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) with total budget outlay of Rs. 95.03 Crore over 3 year period for establishing software product incubation facilities in 12 STPI Centres located in Tier II/ III cities.

(d): Yes, Sir. It has been endeavour of the GoI to put in place a liberal and transparent policy for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), wherein most of the sectors are open to FDI under the automatic route.

(e): As per extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, 100% FDI is allowed in IT sector under automatic route (except the land border sharing country with India) subject to applicable laws/ regulations; security and other conditions. A total of Rs. 2,93,838 Crore FDI has been committed in Computer Software and Hardware during FY 2018-2021 and Rs. 76,068 crore in current financial year till December, 2021.

State-wise list of existing STPI centres

S.N.	Centre Name	State
1	Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh
2	Tirupati	
3	Vijayawada	
4	Vizag	
5	Guwahati	Assam
6	Patna	Bihar
7	Bhilai	Chhattisgarh
8	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
9	Surat	
10	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
11	Jammu	Jammu and Kashmir
12	Srinagar	
13	Ranchi	Jharkhand
14	Deoghar	
15	Bangalore	Karnataka
16	Hubli	
17	Mangalore	
18	Manipal	
19	Mysore	Kerala
20	Thiruvananthapuram	
21	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
22	Indore	
23	Bhopal	
24	Aurangabad	
25	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
26	Nagpur	
27	Nasik	
28	Navi Mumbai	
29	Pune	
30	Imphal	Manipur
31	Shilong	Meghalaya
32	Berhampur	Odisha
33	Bhubaneswar	
34	Rourkela	
35	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
36	Mohali	Punjab
37	Jaipur	Rajasthan
38	Jodhpur	
39	Gangtok	Sikkim
40	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
41	Coimbatore	
42	Madurai	
43	Tirunelveli	
44	Trichy	Telangana
45	Hyderabad	
46	Warangal	Uttar Pradesh
47	Allahabad	
48	Kanpur	
49	Lucknow	
50	Noida	
51	Meerut	Uttarakhand
52	Dehradun	
53	Durgapur	West Bengal

54	Haldia	
55	Kharagpur	
56	Kolkata	
57	Siliguri	
58	Aizawl	Mizoram
59	Gurgaon	Haryana
60	Agartala	Tripura
61	Goa	Goa
62	Kohima	Nagaland

Annexure-II

List of upcoming STPI centres

State	S.N	Location
Madhya Pradesh	1	Chhindwada
	2	Jabalpur
Punjab	3	Amritsar
Jharkhand	4	Dhanbad
	5	Jamshedpur
	6	Bokaro
Uttar Pradesh	7	Agra
	8	Varanasi
	9	Gorakhpur
Kerala	10	Kochi
Arunachal Pradesh	11	Itanagar
Odisha	12	Balasore
	13	Sambalpur
	14	Jajpur
	15	Angul
	16	Koraput (Jayepore)
Bihar	17	Darbhanga
	18	Bhagalpur
Haryana	29	Panchkula
Gujarat	20	Bhavnagar
Karnataka	21	Davangere
Himachal Pradesh	22	Kangra
