GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *250
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.08.2025

CONTRIBUTION OF STPI IN IT SECTOR

*250. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government is actively working to expand Information Technology(IT) sector growth into tier 2 and tier 3 cities through the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI);
(b) if so, the details of the initiatives undertaken along with the number of incubation centres established in such cities during the last five years;
(c) whether the STPI 2.0 growth plan has contributed to job creation in non-metro areas and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the total software exports achieved by STPI-registered units during the Financial Year 2024-25;
(e) the number of start-ups supported by STPI during the last three years along with the details of total funding and revenue generated by these start-ups; and
(f) the current status of implementation of the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) 2019?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *250 FOR 06.08.2025 REGARDING 'CONTRIBUTION OF STPI IN IT SECTOR'.

(a) to (f): Government of India is actively promoting the growth of the IT sector, especially in smaller towns and cities. The performance of this sector over the last 5 years and estimates for 2024-25 are mentioned below:

(in billion dollars)

	2019-20	**2020-21**	**2021-22**	**2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25(E)**
Export revenue	147	152	178	194	199.5	224.4
Domestic revenue	44	45	49	51	54.4	58.2
Total Revenue	191	196	227	245	254	282.6

(E) = Estimate   *Source: NASSCOM*

The Software Technology Park of India (STPI) is an important initiative to expand the IT/ITES sector beyond major cities in India. The details are as follows:
- 68 STPI centres have been established across the country, of which 60 are located in Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities. State/UT wise list of STPI centres placed at **Annexure - I.**
- In the last five years, STPI has established 9 new incubation centres across the country. (Details in Annexure-II)
- Additionally, 15 new Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) have been established (List in Annexure-III), bringing the total number of CoEs to 24.
- With a total outlay of Rs 445.77 Cr, STPI has supported 1,121 startups through various schemes/programs.
- Rs 39.86 Cr was disbursed as direct funding to 590 startups during last 3 financial years.

The employment reported by STPI-registered units in non-metro cities is 2,98,250 (as on 31st March 2025). In addition, approximately 9,800 jobs have been reported by startups from non-metro areas that are supported under the CoEs and the Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) The total software exports achieved by STPI-registered units is approximately ₹10.64 lakh crore in FY 2024–25.

National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) 2019

The policy has played a significant role in reshaping India's IT sector from a service-led industry to a product-driven digital economy. The policy aims to develop India as a global hub for software products, promote Intellectual Property (IP) creation, and boost domestic demand and exports of software products.

To achieve the objectives of NPSP 2019, MeitY has initiated various programs, including:

Initiative	Description

FutureSkills Prime	Re-skilling/ up-skilling of IT professionals in new/emerging technologies including AR/VR, IoT, Big Data Analytics, AI etc
NGIS (Next Generation Incubation Scheme)	Supports tech startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities to boost inclusive growth in innovation
SAMRIDH	Provides market access and investor connect to startups for scaling through accelerators
GENESIS	Aims to identify, nurture and empower 10,000 youth-led startups from across India
TIDE 2.0	Facilitates technology entrepreneurship through financial and infrastructural support in incubators
Digi-SAPNE	Supporting startups in the North East by helping them scale into large ventures creating tech solutions of societal impact
BHASHINI	National Language Translation Mission (NLTM) to transcend the language barrier for digital access.
Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs)	Domain-specific centres across India to foster innovation, incubation, and mentoring for startups.

As per NASSCOM, between 2019 and 2025, India's IT/Tech industry has witnessed significant growth and transformation:

	2019	**2024/2025**
Direct Employment	4.14 million	5.8 million
Total Industry Revenue	USD 177 billion	USD 283 billion
Exports	USD 136 billion	USD 224.4 billion
Domestic Revenue	USD 41 billion	USD 58.2 billion
Number of Startups	~7,200	Over 32,000
Patent Filings	4,331	90,000 (2024)

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State/UT wise list of 68 STPI Centres

S.N.	Centre Name	Tier	State
1	Kakinada	Tier II/III	Andhra Pradesh
2	Tirupati	Tier II/III	
3	Vijayawada	Tier II/III	
4	Vishakhapatnam	Tier II/III	
5	Guwahati	Tier II/III	Assam
6	Patna	Tier II/III	Bihar
7	Bhagalpur	Tier II/III	
8	Darbhanga	Tier II/III	
9	Bhilai	Tier II/III	Chhattisgarh
10	Gandhinagar	Tier II/III	Gujarat
11	Surat	Tier II/III	
12	Shimla	Tier II/III	Himachal Pradesh
13	Jammu	Tier II/III	Jammu and Kashmir
14	Srinagar	Tier II/III	
15	Ranchi	Tier II/III	Jharkhand
16	Deoghar	Tier II/III	
17	Bangalore	Tier I	Karnataka
18	Hubli	Tier II/III	

19	Mangalore	Tier II/III	
20	Manipal	Tier II/III	
21	Mysore	Tier II/III	
22	Davangere	Tier II/III	
23	Thiruvananthapuram	Tier II/III	Kerala
24	Kochi	Tier II/III	
25	Gwalior	Tier II/III	Madhya Pradesh
26	Indore	Tier II/III	
27	Bhopal	Tier II/III	
28	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar	Tier II/III	Maharashtra
29	Kolhapur	Tier II/III	
30	Nagpur	Tier II/III	
31	Nasik	Tier II/III	
32	Navi Mumbai	Tier I	
33	Pune	Tier I	
34	Imphal	Tier II/III	Manipur
35	Shilong	Tier II/III	Meghalaya
36	Berhampur	Tier II/III	Odisha
37	Bhubaneswar	Tier II/III	
38	Rourkela	Tier II/III	
39	Jajpur	Tier II/III	
40	Koraput (Jayepore)	Tier II/III	
41	Pondicherry	Tier II/III	Pondicherry
42	Mohali	Tier II/III	Punjab
43	Jaipur	Tier II/III	Rajasthan

44	Jodhpur	Tier II/III	
45	Gangtok	Tier II/III	Sikkim
46	Chennai	Tier I	Tamil Nadu
47	Coimbatore	Tier II/III	
48	Madurai	Tier II/III	
49	Tirunelveli	Tier II/III	
50	Trichy	Tier II/III	
51	Hyderabad	Tier I	Telangana
52	Warangal	Tier II/III	
53	Prayagraj	Tier II/III	Uttar Pradesh
54	Kanpur	Tier II/III	
55	Lucknow	Tier II/III	
56	Noida	Tier I	
57	Meerut	Tier II/III	
58	Dehradun	Tier II/III	Uttarakhand
59	Durgapur	Tier II/III	West Bengal
60	Haldia	Tier II/III	
61	Kharagpur	Tier II/III	
62	Kolkata	Tier I	
63	Siliguri	Tier II/III	
64	Aizawl	Tier II/III	Mizoram
65	Gurugram	Tier I	Haryana
66	Agartala	Tier II/III	Tripura
67	Goa	Tier II/III	Goa
68	Kohima	Tier II/III	Nagaland

List of 9 new STPI incubation centres established in last five years

Sl. No	State	Centre Name	Year of Establishment
1	Bihar	Darbhanga	2025
2	Odisha	Jajpur	2025
3	Odisha	Koraput	2025
4	Bihar	Bhagalpur	2024
5	Kerala	Kochi	2024
6	Karnataka	Davanagere	2022
7	Nagaland	Kohima	2021
8	Uttar Pradesh	Meerut	2021
9	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	2020

List of Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) established during last five financial years

#	Name of the CoE with location	Domain/ Theme	Year of Establishment
1	Emerging Technology CoE at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela (EmTek)	Emerging Tech	2022
2	Blockchain CoE at Gurugram (APIARY)	Blockchain	2020
3	Gaming, VFX, Computer Vision & AI CoE at Hyderabad (IMAGE)	Gaming, Animation, VFX, Computer Vision, AI	2020
4	IoT in Agriculture CoE at Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola CoE at Akola (FASAL)	IoT & ICT (Agriculture / Agri-Tech)	2021
5	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-	Internet of Things (IoT) in Agriculture	2020 & 2021

		Commerce facilitation-Guwahati	
6	OCTANE CoE with Start-up Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Shillong	Animation	
7	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Imphal	Emerging Tech with focus on Augmented/Virtual Reality (AR/VR)	
8	OCTANE CoE with Start up Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Aizawl	Gaming and Entertainment	
9	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Gangtok	IT application in Healthcare and Agritech	
10	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Kohima	IT application in Graphic design	
11	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Itanagar	GIS application including drone technology	
12	OCTANE CoE with Startup Innovation Zone (CoE-SIZ) along with e-Commerce facilitation-Agartala	Data Analytics and AI	

13	Industry 4.0 CoE at Vishakhapatnam (KALPATARU)	AI/ML, AR/VR, Industrial Automation Industrial Robotics	2021
14	Efficiency Augmentation at Bengaluru	Industry 4.0	2023
15	FinGlobe at Gandhinagar	FinTech	2024

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