GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA & AI LABS UNDER INDIAAI MISSION

678.   SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
(a) the criteria adopted by the Government for selecting Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities for the establishment of Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Labs under the IndiaAI Mission along with the list of cities selected so far, State-wise;
(b) the number of proposals received from each State for the establishment of Data and AI Labs, along with the current status of these proposals—whether approved, under consideration or rejected;
(c) the number of Data and AI Labs that have been approved and established so far, Statewise; (d) the details of funds sanctioned, disbursed and utilised for setting up these labs, State-wise;
 (e) whether the Government proposes to establish any such Data and AI Labs in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the non-inclusion of Andhra Pradesh under this initiative?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (f):   India's AI strategy is based on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize the use of technology. It aims to address India centric challenges, create economic and employment opportunities for all Indians.

AI ecosystem in India at present:
India has a strong information technology ecosystem. It generates annual revenues of more than 250 billion dollars and provides employment to more than 6 million people.
Global rankings such as Stanford AI rankings place India among the top countries in AI skills, capabilities, and policies to use AI. India is also the second-largest contributor to GitHub AI projects, showcasing its vibrant developer community.

India's AI strategy:
India's AI strategy aims to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence. Government launched IndiaAI mission in March 2024. It is a strategic initiative to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem aligned with India's development goals. The IndiaAI Mission comprises of the following 7 key pillars:
*   **IndiaAI Compute Capacity:** Itaimsto provide high-end compute power (GPUs) to all, including MSMEs and startups, at an affordable cost.
*   **IndiaAI Foundation Models:** To develop India's own Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) trained on Indian datasets and languages, ensuring sovereign AI capabilities and strengthening India's global competitiveness in generative AI.

- **AIKosh:** A unified data platform integrating datasets from government and non-government sources. To develop large datasets for training AI models.
- **IndiaAI Application Development Initiative:** To develop AI applications for India specific challenges in sectors such as climate change and disaster management, healthcare, agriculture, governance, and assistive technologies for learning disabilities.
- **IndiaAIFutureSkills:** To develop AI skilled professionals in India by increasing the number of graduates, post-graduates and PhDs in AI domain. It also envisions setting up Data and AI Labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across India.
- **IndiaAI Startup Financing:** To provide financial assistance to AI start-ups.
- **Safe & Trusted AI:** To balance innovation with strong governance frameworks to ensure responsible AI adoption.

IndiaAIFutureSkills:
- To cultivate a robust pool of AI-skilled professionals in India by increasing the number of graduates, postgraduates, and PhDs specializing in the field of Artificial Intelligence. Provision of support is envisioned for:
  - 500 PhD fellows
  - 5,000 postgraduates
  - 8,000 undergraduates
- Over 200 students have received fellowships in the first year, with 26 partner institutes onboarding PhD students.
- It also envisions setting up Data and AI Labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across India.
- IndiaAI, in collaboration with NIELIT, has identified 27 data labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country. (Details at **Annexure I).**
- Additionally, State/UTs have nominated 174 ITIs and polytechnics for setting up IndiaAI data labs. The state-wise list of nominated ITIs/Polytechnics is provided in **Annexure II**.

Budget and Funding Support for IndiaAI Data & AI Labs:
Each IndiaAI Data & AI Lab receives support of **Rs. 68.98 Lakhs** for three years.
Andhra Pradesh has nominated **9 ITIs/Polytechnics** for establishing IndiaAI Data & AI Labs. Details of these institutions are available in **Annexure III.**

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List of Data & AI labs planned by IndiaAI in collaboration with NIELIT in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country:

S.No.	NIELIT Centre	State/UT
1	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh
2	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
3	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
4	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
5	Patna	Bihar
6	Buxar	Bihar
7	Muzaffarpur	Bihar
8	Kurukshetra	Haryana
9	Ropar	Punjab
10	Haridwar	Uttarakhand
11	Bikaner	Rajasthan
12	Tezpur	Assam
13	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
14	Calicut	Kerala
15	Guwahati	Assam
16	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
17	Srinagar	J&K
18	Jammu	J&K
19	Ranchi	Jharkhand
20	Imphal	Manipur
21	Gangtok	Sikkim
22	Agartala	Tripura
23	Aizawl	Mizoram
24	Shillong	Meghalaya
25	Kohima	Nagaland
26	Leh	Ladakh
27	Silchar	Assam

The list of States/UTs which has nominated ITIs/Polytechnics for setting up IndiaAI data labs:

Sr No	State	# ITIs Nominated by State Nodal Agency
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	9
3	Assam	1
4	Chandigarh	1
5	Chhattisgarh	4
6	Daman & Diu	1
7	Delhi	1
8	Goa	1
9	Gujarat	5
10	Haryana	6
11	Himachal Pradesh	4
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1
13	Jharkhand	6
14	Karnataka	23
15	Ladakh	1
16	Lakshadweep	1
17	Madhya Pradesh	9
18	Mizoram	1
19	Nagaland	1
20	Odisha	9
21	Puducherry	1
22	Punjab	6
23	Rajasthan	25
24	Sikkim	1
25	Telangana	5
26	Tripura	1
27	Uttar Pradesh	49
	Grand Total	**174**

Details of IndiaAI Data & AI labs in Andhra Pradesh:

S.No.	State	Govt. ITI Address
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt. ITI, IE, Eluru
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt ITI Rajamahendravaram
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI, Tirupati
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI, Dhone
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI (New), Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Government ITI, Kakinada
7.	Andhra Pradesh	Government ITI Vijayawada
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.R.ITI (Girls)Kadapa
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt. ITI (Girls), Nellore

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