GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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STPI CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
(a)   Whether Government has taken any steps to promote the growth of the IT sector in smaller cities and towns of Tamil Nadu including Ramanathapuram district and if so, the details thereof;
(b)   the number of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) established in Tamil Nadu as on date, district wise;
(c)   the details of incubator facilities and support provided to startups through these centres;
(d)   the number of startups incubated and supported in Tamil Nadu under STPI scheme in the last five years;
(e)   whether new STPI centres have been proposed or are under consideration in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of the State;
(f)   the details of the criteria followed for selecting new STPI locations in Tamil Nadu;
(g)   whether the Government has facilitated partnerships with venture capitalists and industry mentors in the State through these centres; and
(h)   the number of startups from Tamil Nadu that have successfully received funding or scaled up through STPI incubation support?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (h):   India has a strong Information Technology industry which generates annual revenues of more than 280 billion dollars and supports employment of more than 6 million.

To further expand the IT ecosystem, Government establishes Software Technology Parks across the country with special focus on tier II and III cities.

Government has established 67 SPTI centres including 59 in tier II and III cities.

The number of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) established in Tamil Nadu as on date, district wise is as follows:-

Sr No.	District	STPI Centre
1.	Chennai	STPI Chennai
2.	Coimbatore	STPI Coimbatore
3.	Tiruchirappalli	STPI Trichy
4.	Madurai	STPI Madurai

5.	Tirunelveli	STPI Tirunelveli

Additionally, Government of India along with the Government of Tamil Nadu has launched the iTamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) Hub in Chennai. It is a state-level deep-tech innovation hub focused on emerging technologies like AI, IoT, EVs, Med-tech and Cybersecurity.

It provides startups across Tamil Nadu with access to mentorship, technical guidance, funding, virtual programs, and industry networks. At iTNT Hub, 76 startups have been incubated, 18 products have been launched and 50 startups have been accelerated through acceleration programs.

In Chennai, STPI has created state-of-the-art infrastructure of approx. 44,794 sq. ft. raw incubation space and 201 plug-n-play incubation seats. Also, STPI has set up FinBlue, Centre of Entrepreneurship (CoE) at Chennai to build an ecosystem for R&D and product innovation in FinTech.

The FinBlueCoE offers an integrated programme for startups to scale through a first-of-its-kind incubation facility by providing support in terms of funding, infrastructure, sandbox, mentoring, IT facilitation, technology & regulatory support and market access. This facility at STPI centre in TamilNadu has been catering to the start-ups of Tamil Nadu.

Total 146 start-ups have been incubated and supported in the last five years in Chennai. Out of these, 85 are incubated at STPI Chennai incubation facility and 61 startups are supported under STPI FinBlue CoE.

STPI has a policy for setting up of new centres. The "Policy for setting up of new STPI centres" is placed at **Annexure-A**.

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<u>Policy for setting up of new STPI centres</u>
For setting up of a new STPI centre, State Government/ Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution is 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 would be required by STPI jointly with the State Government/ Centres of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution to assess the potential of the location.
- In the above line, in case, State Government/ Centres of Excellence /Higher Educational Institution provides a minimum 2 acres of land, STPI will construct 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.
- Till such time, STPI building comes up, in case State Government/ Centre of Excellence/ Higher Educational Institution are willing to operationalize STPI centre apart from above contribution, they will have to provide minimum built-up space of 10,000 sq. ft. free of cost to STPI.

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