STPI INCUBATION CENTRE

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the national strategy for developing 'Software Technology Parks of India' (STPI) in Tier-2 and Tier3 cities;
(b) the performance of the 'STPI' centres in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Kakinada;
(c) whether the Government is aware of the growing 'IT/ITeS' ecosystem in Rajahmundry and the demand for an 'STPI Incubation Centre';
(d) the status of any proposal of the Government to establish an 'STPI' centre or a 'Centre of Excellence' for 'emerging technologies' (like AI in agriculture) in Rajahmundry; and
(e) the steps to support Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) and Knowledge Process Outsourcing (KPOs) in setting up operations in Rajahmundry to create local employment?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (e): Government of India is actively promoting the growth of the IT sector across the country, including Tier-2 and Tier-3 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
Y-o-Y growth	7.90%	2.09%	15.50%	7.90%	3.70%	11.25%

(E) = Estimate

Source:NASSCOM

Software Technology Park of India (STPI) is an important initiative to expand the IT/ITES sector beyond major cities in India. 68 STPI centres have been established across the country, of which 60 are located in Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities.

The overall exports from STPI registered units for FY 2024-25 is estimated at ₹10.69 lakh crore. 24 Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) have been established by STPI across India supporting 1000 startups.

The performance of STPI centres in Andhra Pradesh for FY 2024-25 is mentioned below:

STPI Centre	Number of STP units	Exports (in Rs. Crores)
Visakhapatnam	52	5072.45
Vijayawada	23	208
Kakinada	15	77.52
Tirupati	7	73.29

Further, 188 startups have been supported in Andhra Pradesh through Next Generation Incubation Scheme and Center of Entrepreneurship at Visakhapatnam.

The Government is aware of the growing IT/ITeS activity in Andhra Pradesh including Rajahmundry. However, no proposal has been received by MeitY for establishing an STPI Centre or Centre of Excellence in Rajahmundry.

The India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) has concluded but the government of India continues to encourage BPO/KPO expansion by enabling conducive policy frameworks, infrastructure support and capacity-building initiatives

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