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**ESTABLISHMENT OF INCUBATION CENTRES UNDER
STPI SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA**

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

- (a) the number of incubation centres established under the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) scheme in the State of Maharashtra and the tangible outcomes achieved so far in terms of startups incubated, employment generated, products developed and patents/IPRs filed during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the STPI incubation scheme in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities of Maharashtra and if so, the details of cities identified, timelines and budgetary support;
- (c) the key issues and challenges faced in implementation of the STPI incubation scheme in Maharashtra including feedback received from existing software parks;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the serious physical infrastructure constraints in Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjawadi, Pune, affecting IT units and start-ups; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government in coordination with the State Government of Maharashtra to address these infrastructure challenges and ensure smooth functioning and growth of the IT ecosystem in the region?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government of India is making continuous efforts to promote IT industry across India including smaller cities and towns. As a part of this initiative, Software Technology Parks have been established in 68 cities across India with 60 centres in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. The STPI centres provide Incubation services, High Speed Data Communication services, Cloud services and other statutory support services.

At present, six Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centres are operational in Maharashtra at Pune, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Kolhapur and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, with a total 1,148 plug-and-play seats.

During the last five years, STPI-registered units in Maharashtra have achieved exports of approximately ₹8.58 lakh crore. Further, 93 startups/units have been incubated at these STPI centres, and 53 startups/units are presently under incubation, generating 1,194 employment opportunities.

Further, two Centres of Excellence (CoEs) - CoE for Automotive: Autonomous/Connected/Electric/Shared vehicle at Pune and CoE for IoT in Agriculture at Akola, have been established in the State. Through these CoEs, 93 startups have been supported, which have led to the development of 160 products, filing of 128 IPRs, and generation of 946 employment opportunities.

(d) to (e): As part of infrastructure development, the Government of Maharashtra has undertaken a Metro Rail Project from Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park (RGIP), Hinjawadi, Pune to Shivajinagar, Pune through Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA). The total length of the project is 23.30 km, out of which approximately 7.59 km falls within RGIP area. There are 23 stations proposed on this corridor, including 8 stations within Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjawadi. The project, upon completion, is expected to significantly reduce road congestion in the area. Further, asphaltting of roads under the metro alignment within RGIP limits is also being undertaken by PMRDA.

Further, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) has undertaken various measures to mitigate infrastructure-related issues in RGIP, Hinjawadi Industrial Area, which include:

- Upgradation of existing infrastructure, including widening of roads and improvement of footpaths.
- Proposal for construction of pedestrian footover bridges (skywalks) to facilitate safe pedestrian movement.
- Augmentation of the existing Water Supply Scheme from 24 Million Litres per Day to 48 Million Litres per Day to address water supply requirements.
- Completion of repair works and placement of Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMCs) for upkeep of infrastructure facilities.
- Construction of a six-lane road from Baner to Hinjawadi as an alternate connectivity route.
