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SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS

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

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- (a) the number of software technology parks located in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the main functions of these technology parks;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more technology parks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): (46) forty-six Software Technology Parks (STPI) centres have been established in various States. The State-wise list of centers is at Annexure. The Department of Information Technology, Government of India has established Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) as an autonomous society, with the main objective of promotion of software exports from the country. The services rendered by STPI for the software exporting community have been statutory services, data communications services and incubation facilities. STPI has also played a developmental role in the promotion of software exports with a special focus on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and start up units. The datacom connectivity is a critical requirement for software exporters and STPI has been providing this service since inception.

(c) and (d): It is proposed to set up new STPI centers at Bhopal, Gwalior, Patna, Siliguri, Haldia, Berhampur, Kakinada, Agra, Goa, Shillong, Agartala and Gulbarga.

(e): Does not arise.