

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF IT OPERATION  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Union Government has issued directions to IT Industry to spread its operation to tier II cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the IT industry thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) and (c): In order to expand the horizon of Software exports and to tap the manpower potential the private industry is trying to expand into tier II cities. Many of the state governments are also taking initiatives to promote IT in the major cities of their respective states, position them as the next destinations for the software industry and create more jobs. The Department of IT, Govt. 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. So far 46 centres have been established in various States.