

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:153
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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 set up in the country, State-wise, location-wise;
- (b) The main functions of these technology parks;
- (c) The foreign exchange earned by the export of software technology by software technology parks, during the last three years;
- (d) Whether any target for export of software technology has been fixed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) Whether the Government proposes to set up more technology parks in the country; and (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.153 FOR 02.08.2006 REGARDING SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS.

(a) and (b): 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 SMEs and start up units. The datacom connectivity is a critical requirement for software exporters and STPI has been providing this service since inception. So far 47 centres have been established in various States. The State-wise list of centers is at Annexure.

(c): The total export value made by STPI member units during the last three years is as follows:

2005-06	Rs. 100965 Crores
2004-05	Rs. 74019 Crores
2003-04	Rs. 51458 Crores

Total exports made by STPI member units registered under STP-Pune during last three years are as follow:

2005-06	Rs. 8300 Crores
2004-05	Rs. 5700 Crores
2003-04	Rs. 4200 Crores

(d) and (e): Yes Sir. The total exports in IT Software and Services from India is estimated to be USD 50 billion by the year 2008-09.

(f) and (g): Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up new STPI Centres at Bhopal and Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Haldia (West Bengal), Berhampur (Orissa), Kakinanda (Andhra Pradesh), Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Goa (Goa), Shillong (Meghalaya), Agartala (Tripura) and Gulbarga (Karnataka).

