

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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) Whether Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) plans to set up more centres in tier-II and tier-III cities and to create more incubation centres ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The locations likely to be selected for setting up more centres particularly in Maharashtra ;
- (d) The criteria likely to be adopted for the selection of cities; and
- (e) The investments to be made for setting up these centres ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a)and (b) : Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has already set up 47 centres, out of which 40 centres are in tier-II and tier-III cities. STPI is setting up new centres with incubation facility in tier-II and tier-III cities at Shillong (Meghalaya), Haldia

(West Bengal), Berhampur (Orissa), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Gurgaon (Haryana), Bhopal & Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Salem & Tirunelveli

(Tamilnadu) and Goa.

(c) : Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has already established 6 STPI centres in Maharashtra i.e Navi Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Nashik and Kolhapur. There is at present, no proposal for setting up of new centres in Maharashtra.

(d) and (e): As per current policy for setting up of new STPI centres, the State Government would provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq.ft of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs 1 Crore to STPI to partially defray the total project cost. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and the commercial viability of the proposal.