

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:380

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INVESTMENT IN IT SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the investment in information technology has been made in those cities which have high quality educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote investment in information technology sector in those States which are lagging behind in the investment in information technology sector?

Answer

MINISTER THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(ANDIMUTHU RAJA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 380 FOR 10.09.2007 REGARDING INVESTMENT IN IT SECTOR

(a) to (c): Software companies set up their operations in locations and plan their investment driven by business needs. In this context software companies are also guided by the availability of talent in cities.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is having 48 centres across the country, out of which 7 centres are in Metros and balance 41 centers are in Tier II and Tier III cities.

As per the current policy for setting up of New Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Centre, the State Government has to make available 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and grant-in-aid of Rs.1 crore to STPI. The location selected should have export potential which depend upon factors like availability of Human Resources, Industrial infrastructure, IT infrastructure, State Government IT Policy and their proactiveness/receptiveness, business environment, living cost, social infrastructure etc. A detailed Feasibility Study should be carried out by STPI jointly with State Government officials to examine potential and commercial viability of establishing STPI Centre at the new location.