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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 North-East States, specially Arunachal Pradesh are much lagging behind in respect of investment in Information Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme in North- East States, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh to promote investments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): Department of Information Technology (DIT), Government of India has setup Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) facility in the states of Assam, Manipur, Sikkim and Meghalaya. Setting up of STPI facility in Tripura, Mizoram and Nagaland is under consideration. However no request for such facility has so far been received from Arunachal Pradesh.

As per the current policy for setting up a new STPI center, the state Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crore to STPI and for the Northeast States, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land and 3000 sq ft. built up space.

A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.