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AUGMENTATION OF IT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to encourage IT sector in certain two-tier and three-tier cities in the country including Warangal and Zahirabad in the State of Telangana by increasing the number of IT companies during the 12th Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) has set up 53 STPI Centres across the country, of which 45 Centres are in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. A State-wise list of STPI Centres is at Annexure. According to STPI, a STPI Centre has been set up in Warangal and about 4 STP units are operating under this Centre. The setting up of a new STPI Centre is based on State Governments initiative and IT companies also set up their unit at a particular location based on techno-commercial consideration, which includes, inter-alia, availability of talent pool, eco-system and IT industry policies of the State Government to attract investment in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

(c): The Government of India has notified the National Policy on Information Technology (NPIT), in September 2012. The vision of this Policy is to strengthen and enhance India's position as the Global IT hub and to use IT as an engine for rapid, inclusive and sustainable growth in the national economy. This policy envisages to increase revenues of IT and ITES Industry from USD 100 Billion at present to USD 300 Billion by 2020 and to expand exports from USD 69 Billion at present to USD 200 Billion by 2020. The key strategies identified in NPIT 2012 include creation of an ecosystem for a globally competitive IT/ITES Industry, which inter alia envisages formulation of fiscal and other policies to attract investment in IT industry in Tier II & Tier III cities.