

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *120
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.07.2021

ESTABLISHMENT OF IT HUBS IN MAJOR CITIES

***120. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on establishing IT hubs in major cities of States to provide employment to youngsters in the IT sector at local level;
- (b) if so, the details of achievements made till date and further action plans proposed;
- (c) whether Government is also working on a plan of opening BPO centres in small cities to provide employment to youngsters in the field of IT sector at local level; and
- (d) if not, the details of BPO centers opened during the last three years till date, State-wise and further action plan proposed in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *120
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(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India has taken various initiatives for promoting Information Technology (IT)/ IT enables Services (ITeS) industry across the country including major cities. In order to provide conducive environment for growth of IT/ ITeS industry as well as promote software exports, facilitate balanced regional development, generate employment, encourage and support individuals/entities having innovative ideas in IT/ ITeS sector, a total of 60 centres of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) have been set up across the country. These centres have 4,445 registered STP units.

To support technology start-ups, the Government has initiated Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE2.0) Scheme with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 264.14 Crore in 2019. Till date, 51 TIDE centres have been established incubating more than 300 technology start-ups.

As per National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), the Indian IT Industry grew by 2.7 percent to reach USD194 billion with exports of USD150 billion providing direct employment to more than 44 lakhs professionals in the Financial Year 2020-21.

(c) and (d): Government has implemented two BPO promotion schemes, namely North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS) and India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) to create employment opportunities for the local youth and dispersal of IT/IT enabled Services (ITeS) industry. These schemes incentivize setting up of BPO/ ITeS operations by providing financial support upto Rs. 1 lakh per seat. Under these schemes 252 units have started BPO/ ITeS operations across 27 States/ Union Territories (UTs) of the country, providing direct employment to over 43,000 professionals. The State wise details of BPO/ITeS units started operations under these schemes is at Annexure. In order to facilitate these units during the pandemic, various relaxations have been given under the schemes such as timeline to commence operations, minimum employment criteria to claim financial support etc.

Annexure

State-wise details of BPO/ITeS units started under IBPS/NEBPS

State/UT	Number of Units
Andhra Pradesh	46
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	8
Bihar	12
Chandigarh U.T.	1
Chhattisgarh	3
Haryana	2
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu and Kashmir U.T.	3
Jharkhand	18
Karnataka	11
Kerala	3
Madhya Pradesh	5
Maharashtra	14
Manipur	5
Meghalaya	2

Nagaland	1
Odisha	22
Puducherry U.T.	1
Punjab	9
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	49
Telangana	2
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	12
Uttarakhand	6
West Bengal	7
Total	252
