

DATA CENTRE MARKET IN INDIA

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

(a) the steps undertaken to boost data centre market in India and information on growth of data centre market in India since 2014, in terms of absolute financial growth and capacity generated, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has plans for submersion of data centres along the coastline to save cost of cooling-energy, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of recommendation of Bureau of Energy Efficiency which were mandated for data centre companies and the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to guarantee stable energy supply to existing data-centres; and

(e) the regulations to review and monitor Artificial Intelligence (AI) models to ensure they do not take steps that are irreversible?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)**

(a): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has initiated 'Digital India' programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. e-Kranti is one of the nine pillars of Digital India programme. One of the key principal of e-Kranti is "Cloud by Default". To boost data centre market and utilize the benefits of Cloud Computing, Government of India has initiated a scheme namely MeghRaj-GI Cloud. This will ensure accelerating the delivery of e-services in the country and optimizing ICT spending of the Government. Further, to fast track the adoption of cloud computing, MeitY has empanelled cloud service offerings of the 13 Private Cloud Service Providers under different deployment models viz. Public Cloud, Virtual Private Cloud and Government Community Cloud. These steps taken by Government along with many more such initiatives pertaining to e-Governance, have resulted in generation of large amount of data already. As these initiatives grow, the growth in data generation would be sustained.

(b): No, Sir. There is no such plan.

(c): No such recommendation have been received by MeitY.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e): No regulations have been issued by MeitY to review and monitor AI models.
