

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1644
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.03.2020

SETTING UP OF DATA CENTRE PARKS BY PRIVATE PLAYERS

1644. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to bring out policy to enable private players to set up Data Centre Parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) in what way, it would be different from the IT Parks; and
- (d) In what manner Government would ensure that it does not violate the right to privacy of individuals, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. As per the budget announcement 2020-2021, Government proposes to soon bring out a policy to enable private sector to build Data Centre Parks throughout the country.

(c): IT Park typically host IT units such as IT companies, Business Processing Office (BPOs), Knowledge Processing Outsourcing (KPOs), Start-ups and may also host data centres. On the other hand, a Data Centre Park facilitates establishment of Data Centres through private sector participation.

(d): The Government had constituted a Committee of Experts on data protection, chaired by Justice (Retd) B.N. Srikrishna, Supreme Court of India to study various issues relating to data protection. Based on the recommendations of the Committee of Experts and a multitude of feedback received from diverse stakeholders, the draft bill has been duly updated and the Personal Data Protection (PDP) Bill, 2019 has been introduced in Parliament during the winter session 2019. The bill has been referred to a Joint Committee of the Parliament.
