

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT UNDER DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME

3434. SHRI P.L. PUNIA:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) the total number of youth targeted for providing employment every year under Digital India Programme and the amount allocated for this purpose, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of students trained in pursuit of the target fixed for towns and villages for providing employment in IT sector and the number of students who have been provided employment, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount allocated under India BPO Promotion Scheme and North East BPO Promotion scheme and the number of BPOs established, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): “Digital India” is an umbrella programme to transform India into digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. There are nine pillars of growth areas under the programme. Each of these pillars comprises of several schemes and cuts across multiple Ministries/ Departments. Ministry/Department - wise employment target has not been fixed.

(b): The skilling target assigned to Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for FY 2016-17 is 3.96 lakh persons. MeitY has assigned a target of Skilling 4 lakh persons to National Institute of Electronics & IT (NEILIT) and target of 12,000 persons to C-DAC. Till January 2017, NEILIT has trained 5.38 lakh persons out of which 3.38 lakh persons have been certified. C-DAC has trained 9010 persons up to December, 2016. National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has trained 1,010 persons. Further under the ESDM Skill Development Project so far 43,504 persons have been trained. Hence up to January, 2017, the total number of persons trained and certified against the target of 3.96 lakh is 3.92 lakh.

(c): Under “IT for Jobs” pillar of Digital India programme, the Government has launched two BPO promotion schemes namely India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS), for creation of employment opportunities and promotion of investment in IT/ITES sector across the country particularly in small cities/towns, by incentivizing setting up of 48,300 and 5,000 seats BPO/ITES operations with an outlay of Rs. 493 crore and Rs. 50 crore respectively by 31.03.2019. The disbursement of support under these schemes is directly linked with employment generation by the unit and the full eligible support will be disbursed on providing employment to persons equal to 1.5 times the number of BPO/ITES seats operations.

Under IBPS, till now about 70 companies have entered into a preliminary agreement with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) (the implementing agency of IBPS) to setup BPO/ITES operations for a total of 14,900 seats distributed around 60 locations covering 19 States and 2 UTs. Under NEBPS, till now 10 companies have entered into a preliminary agreement with Software Technology Parks of India (implementing agency of NEBPS) to setup BPO/ITES operations for a total of 1,460 seats distributed across 5 States of NER. The time to commence BPO/ITES operations is six months from the issuance of In Principle Approval, which can be extended by three months with penalty. The State-wise details of seats allocated and commencement of BPO/ITES operations under IBPS & NEBPS are at Annexure.

Annexure

Seats Allocated and Commencement of Operations reported under IBPS

State	Number of seats for which IPA accepted	Commencement Reported for number of seats	Number of units commenced Operations
Andhra Pradesh	2350	300	2
Bihar	1910		0
Chandigarh	100	100	1
Chhattisgarh	500	--	--
Gujarat	500	--	--
Haryana	300	--	--
Himachal Pradesh	250	100	1
Jammu and Kashmir	350	50	1
Karnataka	300	100	1
Kerala	200	100	1
Madhya Pradesh	100	--	--
Maharashtra	1860	350	3
Odisha	750	100	1
Puducherry U.T.	100	--	--
Punjab	100	--	--
Rajasthan	100	--	--
Tamil Nadu	1900	300	3
Telangana	200	--	--
Uttar Pradesh	2830	350	1
Uttarakhand	100	--	--
West Bengal	100	--	--
Total	14,900	1850	15

Seats Allocated and Commencement of Operations reported under NEBPS

State	Number of seats for which IPA accepted	Commencement Reported for number of seats	Number of units commenced Operations
Assam	660	100	1
Manipur	150	100	1
Arunachal Pradesh	50	--	--
Nagaland	400	--	--
Meghalaya	200	--	--
Total	1460	200	2
