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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MeitY)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2566
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.03.2021

DATA CENTRE INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether the development of data centre infrastructure in India for protection of the digital sovereignty in an increasingly connected world has become a necessity for the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to set up the Data Centre Incentivisation (DCI) Scheme and Data Center Economic Zone (DCEZ) Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has recently released the draft for Data Center Policy, 2020; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to transform India into a global data center hub?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The growth in the Data Centre market in India is in conjunction with the volume of data generated via telecom, digital consumers, emerging businesses, digital government and emerging technologies. Thus, need for Data Centre infrastructure in the country already opens-up a potential opportunity for investments in sync with data localization provisions under proposed Data Protection Bill. In order to cater the data hosting requirements within the country, Data Centre sector needs to be facilitated by Government to mitigate the disabilities and facilitate them to develop Data Centre infrastructure in India.

(a) and (d): As of now, there is no such proposal.

(e) and (f): Yes Sir. The draft National Data Centre Policy 2021 was released for public consultation from 5th November 2020 to 30th November 2020 on this Ministry's website. Based

on the inputs received, the National Data Centre Policy is being finalised to enable India in becoming a global Data Centre hub.
