

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN IT SECTOR

646. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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 RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): In order to promote investment in IT/ITES sector across India, facilitate balanced regional development, generate employment in the Tier-II/III cities and encourage & support individuals/entities having innovative ideas, a total of 59 centres of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society of Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has been set up across the country. Further, 24 new STPI centres are proposed to be setup which are at various stages of implementation.

To create employment opportunities and dispersal of IT/ITES industry in small cities and towns, Government had also launched two BPO promotion schemes, namely India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS). These schemes aim to incentivize setting up of 53,300 seats BPO/ITeS operations by in Tier 2/3 cities providing financial support up to Rs. 1 lakh per seat in the form of viability gap funding. The duration of the scheme was up to 31.03.2019. Since the inception of these schemes, 287 units have been approved to set up BPO/ITeS operations for a total of 52,972 seats. Out of these, 222 units have started operations for a total of 42,830 seats across 26 States and 2 UTs of the country, providing direct employment to over 27,000 persons. The State wise details of operational BPO/ITES units under these schemes is at Annexure.

Further, Ministry has drawn up to a “Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS)” to develop software product startup hubs in Tier-II/III cities and create employment opportunities by promoting start-ups working towards solutions/ outstanding software products for futuristic problems/ emerging ICT technologies/ Societal problems through technical, financial and mentoring support under STPI’s incubation facilities.

Annexure**Number of BPO/ITeS units in each State/UT under IBPS and NEBPS**

State	No. of units
Andhra Pradesh	55
Bihar	12
Chandigarh	1
Chhattisgarh	4
Gujarat	1
Haryana	3
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu and Kashmir	8
Jharkhand	20
Karnataka	12
Kerala	3
Madhya Pradesh	8
Maharashtra	19
Odisha	26
Puducherry	1
Punjab	10
Rajasthan	5
Tamil Nadu	51
Telangana	5
Uttar Pradesh	14
Uttarakhand	7
West Bengal	7
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	11
Manipur	4
Meghalaya	2
Nagaland	1
Tripura	2
Total: 26 States and 2 UTs	297 Units
