

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *245
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 18.03.2021

**SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
SECTORS IN MAHARASHTRA**

***245. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any special projects, schemes for the development of the electronics and information technology sectors in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total amount allocated and disbursed during the last three years in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has taken any effective steps to support and develop a large number of small and medium sized IT companies in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER for ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *245
FOR 18.03.2021 REGARDING SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR ELECTRONICS AND
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(a) and (b): To promote domestic electronic manufacturing Government of India has taken various steps including Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) and Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) scheme. The incentives under the MSIPS were available for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) units situated in any Industrial Area across the country including the state of Maharashtra. The Scheme has been closed to receive new applications on 31st Dec 2018. Under the MSIPS scheme, incentives amounting to Rs.177.17 crore have been disbursed to the applicants in last 3 years to the electronic manufacturing units situated at Pune, Aurangabad, Nashik, Kolhapur etc. in the state of Maharashtra. Under the EMC Scheme, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has approved two Common Facility Centres (CFCs) in the state of Maharashtra at Pune and Aurangabad and these CFCs are under implementation. As of now, based on eligibility, MeitY has released Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.17.16 crore to these CFCs under the EMC Scheme.

Further, to create employment opportunities and dispersal of IT/ITES industry in small cities and towns, Government had launched India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS), to incentivize setting up of BPO/ITES operations by providing financial support up to Rs.1 lakh per seat in the form of viability gap funding for capital and operational expenditure along with special incentives like encouraging employment to women and physically disabled persons, promoting local entrepreneurs etc. In the state of Maharashtra, 14 BPO/ITES units have started operations under IBPS at various locations such as Nashik, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Bhiwandi, Sangli, Dhawalgaon etc. while providing direct employment to over 2300 persons. As of now, Rs.2.38 crore has been disbursed to the BPO/ITES units set up at Maharashtra under IBPS.

Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme is being implemented by Software Technology Park of India (STPI), which is a 100% export-oriented scheme for the development and export of computer software using communication links or physical media and including export of professional services. In the state of Maharashtra, STPI has its centers at Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Kolhapur, and Nashik and total exports for the FY 2019-20 under STP Scheme stands at Rs.91,513 Crores.

(c) and (d): Government of India has taken various initiatives in the state of Maharashtra to nurture research, innovation and startups in Information Technology, Communications (ICT) domain which include Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) Scheme. The Scheme is being implemented through 51 incubators through a three-tiered structure with an overarching objective to promote incubation activities at institutes of higher learning and premier R&D organisations, eventually leading to handholding of approximately 2000 tech start-ups over a period of five years. As of now, 51 TIDE 2.0 Incubation Centres have been approved and made operational pan India including 3 centres in the state of Maharashtra.

In addition, Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Autonomous Connected Electric Shared (ACES) Vehicle has been established at Pune, Maharashtra to support Startups/ SMEs / MSMEs working in the area of Autonomous, Connected, Electric and Shared mobility by providing them physical and financial support. Recently, Government has approved a CoE on IoT in Agriculture at Akola, Maharashtra to support agritech Startups/ SMEs / MSMEs in agriculture segment and bring out ICT solutions for improving farm productivity in the region.

Further, some of the premier R&D and innovation centres of Ministry of Electronics and information Technology are based out of Maharashtra. These include Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC) and Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) which are headquartered in Pune; Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (**SAMEER**) headquartered in Mumbai; and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) which has a large centre in Aurangabad. These premier R&D and Innovation centers of MeitY are engaged in advanced ICT

activities such as developing petaflop scale supercomputing capacity, products, and solutions for High Performance Computing (HPC), technology solutions for Indian languages, developing strategic electronic materials and devices and providing skilling to IT professionals.
