

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2020

USHERING 2020 AS 'YEAR OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE' BY TELANGANA

531: SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether State Government of Telangana is ushering in 2020 as the State's 'Year of Artificial Intelligence' as the State has been at the forefront of applying emerging technologies such as AI, blockchain and drones, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the role of MeitY, Niti Aayog in developing the State in AI; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to formulate AI-specific incentives for its overall development in the State?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The matter pertains to Government of Telangana and as per the information received from state government; Government of Telangana has declared 2020 as the year of Artificial Intelligence. Throughout the year Government plans to conduct various activities related to application of AI in different fields by involving private companies, academic institutions and startups.
- (b): MeitY along with Government of Telangana, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and others is going to establish Centre of Excellence on Gaming, VFX (Visual Effects), Computer vision & AI at Hyderabad. The centre will nurture and develop the ecosystem for innovation in Gaming, VFX, Computer Vision & AI Industry. Also, as per the information received from State Government, Government of Telangana has signed a Letter of Intent with NITI Aayog on 3rd July 2018 to identify AI based projects that can be implemented in the state.
- (c): No, Sir, no such AI-specific incentives have been formulated for state of Telangana.
