GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *289
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.08.2016

ESTABLISHMENT OF MINISTRY'S OFFICES IN AMARAVATI

*289.   SHRI T.G.VENKATESH:

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

(a)   whether the Ministry has initiated action for setting up of the Offices/Departments/Institutions that come under it, like National Informatics Centre, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, Software Technology Parks, etc. in Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

 (b)   whether any issues relating to procurement of land and infrastructure, needed for this purpose, have been taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof along with the status thereof.

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *289 FOR 12.08.2016 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF MINISTRY'S OFFICES IN AMARAVATI.

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(a) to (c):   The National Informatics Centre (NIC)   is rendering uninterrupted services to the State of Andhra Pradesh from its Hyderabad Cell. In addition, NIC has set up a Chief Minister's Camp Office Cell at Vijayawada, decided to upgrade the existing NIC Cell at Vijayawada and also create a new cell at Amaravati, the upcoming capital of Andhra Pradesh.   NIC has also deployed a team of five persons with effect from April, 2016, to strengthen the temporary NIC Secretariat Cell at Velagapudi, wherein a space of about 2500 square feet has been made available by the State Government.

As per existing policy, State Government provides space and other amenities for establishing NIC offices and operations. The request of NIC for allocation of space for upgradation of its existing cell at Vijayawada and creation of new cell at Amaravati has been sent to the State Government and their response is awaited.

On the request of the State Government, Standardisation, Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate has decided to set up a Seed Information Technology Centre at Amaravati for promotion of standards and testing services along with capacity building in the field of information technology.

No proposal has been received for Amaravati from the State to set up new offices or centres of National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).

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