

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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IT HUBS AND BPOs IN CITIES

5217. DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government is working on any plans to establish IT hubs in various cities of States, especially in Tamil Nadu to provide employment to youngsters in the IT sector at local level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centres in small cities to provide employment in the field of IT sector to local people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): There is no specific programme by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to create IT Hubs in various cities. However, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) an autonomous society of MeitY has set up its centres across the country to promote various regions as preferred IT destination and to attract IT/ ITeS Units by providing statutory Services under Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme. In the State of Tamil Nadu, 5 STPI centres are operational at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli and Trichy.

(c) and (d): In order to create employment opportunities and dispersal of IT/ITeS industry in small cities and towns, Government had 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 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, 297 units have been approved to set up BPO/ITeS operations for a total of 52,972 seats. Out of these, 226 units have started operations for a total of 44,880 seats across 27 States and UTs of the country, providing direct employment to over 30,000 skilled persons in Tier 2 / 3 cities. In the State of Tamil Nadu, 42 BPO/ITeS units have started operations for a total of 5890 seats providing employment to 6147 persons.
