

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2874
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 15.12.2021

IT HUBS

2874. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Information Technology (IT) Hubs in the current financial year in small cities in the State of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give an impetus to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India has taken various initiatives for promoting IT/ ITeS industry in various parts of country including State of Bihar.

(b): Till date, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has established 60 STPI centres across the country of which 52 centres are in Tier II/ III cities for promotion of IT/ ITeS industry. This includes one STPI Centre in Bihar at Patna (Patliputra). Government has also approved two new STPI centres for Bihar at Darbhanga and Bhagalpur. The STPI centre at Patna (Patliputra) is being augmented through provision of additional 1 Lakh Sq. Ft. of space.

Further, for creation of employment opportunities in IT/ ITeS industry particularly in Tier II/ Tier III cities, Government is implementing India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS). Under this Scheme, incentives are provided for setting up of BPO IT/ ITeS operation. 12 BPO units have started BPO/ ITeS operations in Bihar while providing direct employment to about 1345 people.

National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) - 2019 has been notified by the Government to promote software product ecosystem in the country. In accordance with NPSP, Government has approved the Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 95.03 crore for establishing software product incubation facilities in 12 Tier II/ III STPI centres including an incubation facility in Bihar at Patna.

(c): As per extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, 100% FDI is allowed in IT sector under automatic route subject to applicable laws/ regulations. A total of Rs. 2,93,838 crore FDI has been committed in Computer Software and Hardware during FY 2018-2021 and Rs. 52,634 crore in current financial year till September, 2021.
