GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TO BE ANSWERED ON: 15.12.2017

**SEATS ALLOCATED TO TAMIL NADU UNDER INDIA
BPO PROMOTION SCHEME**

88.   SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA

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

(a)   whether Government is aware of the fact that out of 2800 seats allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu under BPO Promotion Scheme, nearly 700 seats have not started their operation even after six months after the In-Principal Approval (IPA), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b)   the details of steps taken, if any, by Government to make them operational?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a) and (b): Under India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS), for the State of Tamil Nadu, 2800 seats were allotted based on population percentage, as per census 2011. After four rounds of online bidding, total 2700 seats have been allocated to successful bidders to setup 19 BPO/ITeS units in the Tamil Nadu State under IBPS. As per terms and conditions of IBPS, successful bidders have to set up operations within 9 months from issuance of IPA. Till now, 16 units for a total of 2100 seats have reported commencement of operation to Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), the implementing agency of IBPS. The remaining 3 units for a total of 600 seats are at various stages of implementation. It is obligatory on the units to start operations within the stipulated timelines of IBPS. All necessary support in respect of starting operations under the scheme is being extended to the units by STPI and State IT Departments.

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