

for International Patents in Electronics and IT (SIP-EIT); Multiplier Grants Scheme and Scheme for Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) in the area of Electronics, ICT and Management.

- A project for setting up of incubation center for development of ESDM industry at a total estimated cost of ₹ 47.10 crore has been approved. The project is being implemented by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Patna).

Multiple stakeholders in telecom services

551. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision making on critical issues including regulatory mechanism related to telecom services in the country, have many stakeholders like the Department of Telecommunications, the Telecom Commission, TRAI, Telecom Service Providers and the Ministry of Defence thereby delaying timely action and depriving seamless services to hundreds of millions of consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to set up a single-window system or a centralised regulatory authority that is independent, transparent, stable, accountable and adaptable?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of response to Part (a).

(c) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), established by the virtue of TRAI Act, 1997, acts as a common regulator for both telecommunication and broadcasting sectors. Provisions of TRAI Act ensure independence and accountability. The law requires TRAI to act in a transparent manner while discharging its duties under the TRAI Act. The terms and conditions of licenses issued under Section 4 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 are being reviewed periodically based on the recommendations of TRAI. Presently, there is no proposal to establish a single window system.

Developing Mumbai as IT Centre

552. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengaluru is among the top three global centers of technology and has become a magnet for Multi-National Companies attracting huge investment;