

Summary of Incentive Policies by the Maharashtra Government for Investments in IT, ITeS, and Data Centers

Fiscal Incentives

1. **Stamp Duty Exemption**
 - 100% exemption for transactions related to the establishment or expansion of IT, ITeS, and data centers, including land or building purchases, mortgages, leases, and transfers.
2. **Electricity Duty Exemption**
 - Permanent exemption for IT, ITeS, and data center units registered with the Directorate of Industries.
3. **Power Tariff Subsidy**
 - Industrial power tariffs apply to data centers.
 - INR 1 per unit subsidy for new data centers outside Zone-1 for up to five years.
4. **Capital Subsidy for Retrofitting and Energy Efficiency**
 - Up to 25% of retrofitting costs for energy efficiency equipment, with a maximum of INR 10 lakhs.
5. **Market Development Assistance**
 - For MSMEs and startups: 50% reimbursement of stall rent or participation fees for up to two international trade exhibitions, capped at INR 3 lakhs per entity.
6. **Patent Assistance**
 - Up to INR 5 lakhs for each successful domestic patent and INR 10 lakhs for international patents, limited to 50% of actual costs.
7. **Certification Reimbursement**
 - MSMEs can claim up to INR 5 lakhs for certifications such as ISO 27001, CMM Level 2 or above, or other approved credentials.
8. **Property Tax Parity**
 - IT and ITeS units will pay property tax at residential rates.
9. **Rental Assistance**
 - Subsidized rental rates for startups in urban areas under policy-defined eligibility criteria.

Infrastructure Support

1. **Land and Floor Space Index (FSI) Benefits**
 - Enhanced FSI for IT parks and IT townships based on location-specific criteria.
 - FSI premiums reduced to 50% of the prevailing rate in specific zones.
2. **Integrated IT Townships (IITTs)**
 - Minimum 10 acres of contiguous land required, with up to 50% for non-IT usage.
 - Implementation timeline of 7.5 years for 10–25 acres and 10 years for larger projects.
3. **Critical Infrastructure Fund**

- Created from premium payments for enhanced FSI to develop essential infrastructure for IT and ITeS industries.
- 4. Administrative Reforms**
 - Single-window clearance through the MAHITI portal for approvals, registrations, and incentives.
 - Right-of-way permissions for cable laying and antenna installations to be granted within 30 days.
- 5. Green IT Initiatives**
 - Annual awards for IT and ITeS companies demonstrating excellence in sustainable resource management.

Support for Data Centers

- 1. Power Generation Assistance**
 - Support for power generation, transmission, and distribution units in collaboration with central government guidelines.
- 2. Special Zoning Permissions**
 - Data centers can be set up in any zone, including residential and non-development areas, subject to compliance with land-use regulations.

Employment and Skill Development

- 1. Future-Ready Skills**
 - Promotion of super-specialized job roles like AI researchers, solution architects, and data scientists.
- 2. Startup and Innovation Hub (M-Hub)**
 - A fund of INR 500 crores to support MSMEs, startups, and emerging technology enterprises.

Ease of Doing Business

- IT and ITeS industries granted essential service status, ensuring 24/7 operations without disruptions.
- Self-certification and exemptions from inspections under specific labor and factory laws.

Vision and Goals

- Attract INR 95,000 crores in new investments.
- Create 3.5 million jobs in the IT, ITeS, and emerging technology sectors.
- Achieve export revenue of INR 10 lakh crores from IT and ITeS industries.