A. STPI and its role:

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is an autonomous body owned by Government of India, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Department of Information Technology and having promotional role viz. implementation of STP/EHTP (Electronic Hardware Technology Park) scheme, set-up and manage infrastructure facilities and to provide other service like technology assessment and professional training. STPI offers leased line services to premium segment, where quality is of utmost concern. Presently, STPI is having more than 53 centers across the country. The objectives of STPI are:

    i.   To promote development and exports of software and software services.
    ii.   To provide statutory services to the exporters by implementing STP/ EHTP Scheme.
    iii.   To provide data communication services including various value added services to IT industries and corporate houses.
    iv.   To provide Project Management and Consultancy Services both at National and International Level.
    v.   To promote small and medium entrepreneurs by creating a conducive environment in the field of Information Technology.

B. Activities and Progress made by STPI Mohali

STPI Mohali was established in the year 1998, when the IT activities were at a nascent stage and as per STPI figures the exports from the region were just around Rs. 7 crore Exports in this region during the last decade of operation has crossed Rs. 1500 crore, which is a milestone for any Tier II city. During the FY 2010-11, the exports from this region were recorded as Rs. 1565.00 crore. Further, in FY 2011-12 the IT/ITEs exports have touched Rs. 1910.00 crore, creating employment opportunity for 30,000 professionals.

C. Setting up of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centre at Amritsar.

On the initiative of Information Technology Minister, Punjab, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Govt. of India has agreed to set up another Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) center at Amritsar to develop the area for encouraging Information & Communication Technology and Electronics industry there. Following are the requirement for setting up of STPI centre.

    1. Land of 3 acres
    2. Built up office space of 10,000 sq. ft.
    3. Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1.00 crore

Allotment Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab in its meeting 23.9.13 has approved the allotment of 2.72 crores of land to STPI. Thereafter PSIEC vide letter dated 10.10.13 had allotted the land to STPI. STPI has taken over the possession of the land and is now taking further action in setting up of STPI center. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has also been signed between STPI and Department of Information Technology. For the establishment of STPI facilities and state-of-the-art incubation facility at Amritsar

D. Role &Responsibilities

- **The STPI center will be owned, executed, implemented & operated by STPI under the guidance of its Governing Council. A Committee with representatives from STPI and the Department of Information Technology, Punjab will monitor the implementation of the project.**

- **STPI will use the space for fulfillment of its objectives like promotion of IT/ITES/ESDM industries, development of entrepreneurship and incubation services and for providing single window services to such industries etc.**

- **STPI would offer the Statutory, Incubation, High Speed Data Communication and value added services including Project Management & Consultancy Services.**

- **The recurring expenditure of the center would be met from the income and grants that maybe received from various Governments and agencies and a review would be held in third year to assess whether the STP Center has become self-sufficient in terms of operational expenses.**