


# Dell, HP, 25 other cos get approval for IT hardware PLI scheme

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**New Delhi:** The government on Saturday said 27 companies, including global Dell, HP, Foxconn, and Lenovo, and local Optiemus, Padget and VVDN, have been granted approval under the upgraded Rs 17,000 crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware.

The move comes at a time when India is vying to get global and local IT hardware players with policy sweeteners and incentive schemes, making a determined push to position itself as a global hub for hi-tech manufacturing. "A total of 27 companies have

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been approved under the IT hardware PLI scheme. About 95% of these...23 companies are ready to start manufacturing from day-zero," Union minister for electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

"This will set us up for being a big force in manufacturing of PCs, servers, laptops, and tablets," he added. These companies will invest Rs 3,000

crore. The government, which has moved to a system of authorisation for imports, is pushing firms to increasingly make locally, and also source components from India or other 'trusted' locations. The reason for the government's insistence on kick-starting domestic production of laptops remains the heavy reliance of companies on China for both fully-built units, or components. The government is categorical in its insistence that companies either start manufacturing here, or else start respecting the 'trusted source' norm, which means procuring from regions beyond China.