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HARDWARE SEGMENT

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hardware Segment growth has declined in comparison to the Software growth during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to promote the hardware segment of the infotech sector in order to maintain the balance between the software and hardware segments of the industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the incentive and other measures being taken by the Government to boost the hardware sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): During the period 1996-99, the growth of hardware segment has been in the range of 8 to 15 per cent, as against 48 to 60 per cent in the software segment. A Statement is at Annexure-I.
However, the need for maintaining balance between the software and hardware segment of the industry does not arise. There is scope for them to grow independent of each other.
The issue of Development, Manufacture and Export of Information Technology Hardware was examined in details by the National Task Force on IT & Software Development and its recommendations are available in the 2nd Report of the Task Force.

(e): A statement is a Annexure-II.