

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT PROMOTION AND INVESTMENT  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have taken major initiatives for promotion and development of Information Technology in the country both for domestic application and export purposes;
- (b) if so, details thereof alongwith the action plan under consideration and growth projections for the next five year;
- (c) whether any plan has been finalised for boosting software exports for 2000-2002 and 9th plan period alongwith projected export growth of software during next Five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the investment made during the current year and likely to be made during next Five years for Information Technology Sector?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Statement in this regard is at Annexure. The compounded annual growth rate for the Information Technology industry is estimated to be about 30-35% during the next five years.

(c) and (d): The software export target during the IXth plan for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 have been fixed at Rs.23,000 crores and Rs.36,500 crores respectively. An annual growth rate of about 40% is expected during the next five years.

(e): The thrust of the Government is to create policy ambience to attract major investments primarily from the private sector. Government will act as a proactive facilitator, promotor and motivator. Government has been funding schemes/programmes relating to Telecom-infrastructure, IT education, Research, Design and Development.