

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF IT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance and progress of Information Technology in various states alongwith the investment made including FDI in software and hardware in terms of targets set and achieved;
- (b) if so, details thereof for the current year and previous two years, statewise;
- (c) the details of fresh policy initiatives taken/proposed during 2000-2001 to boost the performance of the sector alongwith expected growth, statewise;
- (d) the total number of units operating and new units registered during 1999-2000 as on 31.3.2000 and number of units operating in tax exempted areas, Statewise; and
- (e) the statistical details of the performance of the leading top 20 I.T. software industries in India and the details of the other I.T. software production units in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India is constantly monitoring the progress made in development of I.T. at the national level keeping in view the national objective to make India an IT Super Power by the year 2008. However, State-wise data is not maintained by the Government. The Government has an export target of US\$50 billion of software export and US\$ 10 billion of hardware export by 2008. The details of proposals approved by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), Ministry of Industry during the last two years and current year are as under:-

Year	Number	Amount	(Rs. in crores)
1998-1999	218	943.84	
1999-2000	438	2477.84	
2000-2001	261	6282.90	

(upto September) The details of policy initiatives taken in the I.T. sector are contained in the Annexure-I

(d): Centre wise data on number of units operating and new units registered under STPI Scheme during 1999-2000 as on 31.3.2000 are placed at Annexure-II. Under the Software Technology Parks (STP) Scheme the units are already exempted from Income tax.

(e): As per NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies), the total export by top 20 I.T. software companies was Rs.10258 crores (approximately) during 1999-2000. The total software export was Rs.17150 crores during 1999-2000.