

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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CO-OPERATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have established co-operation with other countries in the field of Information Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has emerged as a far more attractive market for information technology related services as compared to China; and
- (d) the names of countries that have sought expertise in this field?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India have, so far, signed agreements/MOUs/Programmes of cooperation with - Russia, Egypt, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Belarus and Hong Kong for cooperation in various areas of Information Technology and Electronics.

(c): As per available information, no such market study on China has been carried out. The Government of India recognises IT enabled services as a key opportunity area for export growth and has been giving priority to this sector at par with the software services.

(d): A proposal was received from the Government of Fiji to address Y2K problem in their Taxation Department. An expert was deputed from M/s CMC Ltd., a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Information Technology.