

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:560  
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2001  
COMPETITION IN SOFTWARE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are likely to face stiff competition from China in the field of software sector;
- (b) if so, the success achieved by China in comparison to the developments in India in this field; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to compete with China and other countries in the international field?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFER TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.560 FOR 25.04.2001 REGARDING COMPETITION IN SOFTWARE SECTOR.

- (a): China is making serious efforts to catch up in the software sector. They are also training a large number of IT professionals in English.
- (b): China's software exports are estimated at US \$ 1.2 billion as compared to US \$ 6.24 billion for India.
- (c): Government have taken various steps in order to keep an edge in IT skills over its competitors, which include the setting up of Smart Schools, promotion of virtual Universities, IT education in the non-formal sector through the Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC) scheme and increasing the intake of students in IT related disciplines in IITs, Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) and other engineering colleges.