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IT WORKERS IN JAPAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan has decided to take IT workers from India;
- (b) if so, the number of Indian IT workers so far joined Japan's IT services; and
- (c) the extent to which India and Japan have come to an agreement to work jointly in the IT sector?

Answer

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(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): According to an informal estimate about 1000 Indian IT engineers are currently employed in Indian and Japanese companies as well as multinational software companies in Japan.

(c): The DOEACC (Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses) Society, an autonomous body of Ministry of Information Technology engaged in promotion of Information Technology education and training in the non-formal sector and CAIT (Central Academy for Information Technology), Japan Information Processing Development Corporation (JIPDEC) under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Japan had signed an MOU for mutual recognition of DOEACC 'A' level course with CAIT's Fundamental Information Technology and Engineers Examination (FE-SS). In addition, Government of Japan has decided to issue multiple entry visas, valid for three years, for short-term business stays, allowing a period of stay of 90 days for business people of Indian nationality in IT related enterprises that are located in India and promote exchange between IT specialists from Japan & India.