

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether requirement of Rs.17,000 crore has been assessed for the development and extension of the work of research and analysis for expansion of Information Technology Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sources identified to get this amount; and
- (c) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government to spend this amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MA

(a) and (b): The Working Group on Information Technology for the Tenth Plan set up by Planning Commission has projected a need of investment of Rs.3400 crores by the Government and Rs.13,600 crores by private sector in research & development during the Tenth Plan Period.

(c): The suggestions for Government R&D funding are in the areas of nano-scale technologies, selected thrust areas and strengthening of R&D infrastructure in various institutions for helping industry to move up the value chain.