

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3906  
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INCREASE IN PENETRATION OF PERSONAL COMPUTER  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up a Mission-Mode Government - Industry - University initiative to increase penetration of Personal Computers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the level of penetration of personal computer is very low in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the use of personal computer during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) and (d): The current penetration of personal computers in India is 6.2 per thousand.
- (e): The National Task Force on IT and Software Development has recommended earmarking 1% to 3% of budget of every Ministry / Department of Central and State Governments for IT applications / IT related activities.