

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6234  
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APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have agreed to the proposal of software industry to appoint a consultant for a period of two years to identify causes for the recent slowdown in the software sector in the country;
- (b) if so, whether such a consultant has been appointed;
- (c) whether the inputs of various departments and advisory councils is insufficient to meet the overseas challenge to the Indian software sector; and
- (d) if so, the duties of the consultant in this scenario?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c) and (d): The Department of Information Technology has approved a proposal by National Association of Software and Services companies (NASSCOM), jointly with McKinsey, to conduct a study on Indian Software and Services industry with the objective to develop appropriate strategies to enable Indian IT software and services industry to sustain the growth momentum. The study report is expected to be released during June 2002.