

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3326
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SIGN OF AGREEMENT WITH BELARUS
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from Belarus, one of the Commonwealth of Independent States member-nations for developing a close relationship between its hardware and software industry in the Karnataka;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have considered the said proposal;
- (c) whether any agreement in this regard has been reached; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJIV PASWAN)

- (a): No, Sir. No concrete proposal in this regard has been received from Belarus.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): During the course of the visit of a high level delegation from Belarus, a Programme of Cooperation between India and Belarus in Information Technology and Electronics was signed on 4th February, 2000, for cooperation in the following areas:-
 - 1) Information Technology including computer Systems, Computer Software and Services.
 - 2) Cooperation in the areas of electronics such as microelectronics, consumer electronics, industrial electronics, electronic components etc.
 - 3) Standardisation & Quality Certification of Electronics and Information Technology products.
 - 4) Exchange of Trade Information.
 - 5) Human Resource Development in the are of Electronics and Information Technology.
 - 6) Promotion of joint venture, trade and business partnership in the areas of Information Technology, Consumer Electronics, Industrial Electronics and Electronic Components specifically in the field of Microelectronics.