

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT TO SINGAPORE

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a high level delegation headed by him visited Singapore recently to explore investment and trade possibilities;
- (b) if so, the proposals discussed to develop, expand and strengthen the economic co-operation in Information Technology sector between the two countries;
- (c) the outcome of the visit to Singapore alongwith investment related deals finalised and implications of MoUs signed for e-commerce related supporting services and developing manpower, R&D etc.;
- (d) the details of follow up action; and
- (e) the plans of visit of delegation to other countries for promotion of Information Information Technology sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a),(b) and (c): A high level delegation led by Minister of Information Technology visited Singapore during the period 28th March, 2000 to 31st March, 2000. Following areas have been agreed for cooperation in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT):-

1. Electronic Commerce
2. Electronic Government
3. Information Security
4. Human Resource Development
5. Research, Design and Development
6. Exploring third country markets particularly of Southeast Asian countries.

In this context, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the Government of Singapore was signed to set up a Task Force in Information Technology for the purpose of strengthening bilateral cooperation in various areas of Information Technology.

(d): The following deliverables have been identified for formulating detailed follow-up action:- - Setting up of ICT talent incubators in India - Tapping on Institutes of Higher Learning in India- Harmonisation and cross-certification of digital signatures - Increasing Internet connectivity between India and Singapore- Joint development of interactive broadband multimedia content, information, security and E-Government and - Facilitating the development, interaction and exchange of ICT talent between India and Singapore

(e): Such visits are planned from time to time after taking into account all the relevant factors.