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

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(a) whether the Government propose to provide an `escort service` to India`s software professionals to guide them on visa regulations and help them secure IT jobs and make them aware of opportunities abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether countries like Germany and Netherlands are the immediate targets for this; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) and (b): Department of Information Technology is working with National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) and Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) on a proposal for Facilitation Center to help IT professionals get guidance on appropriate visa/ work permit requirements in various countries.

(c): Europe is emerging as another potential market, next to North America. Germany & Netherlands are already among the top ten (10) destinations for export of software and services from India.

(d): Department of Information Technology and software industry represented through its associations like NASSCOM and ESC, are working together for market development campaign including Road Shows, advertisements, participation in International exhibitions & conferences, market potential assessment studies, one - to - one meetings etc. with emphasis on demonstrating creative and well thought out ideas, building India brand image and building alliances.