

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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EXPORT OF IT
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

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- (a) whether exports are being constantly promoted by the Information Technology Industry in the country during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the State-wise value of exports made during the last three years and current year so far;
- (c) whether the Union Government are providing any incentives to States for the development of IT industry;
- (d) if so, the assistance provided to Maharashtra therefor during the last three years and current year;
- (e) the share of Maharashtra in the export of Computer Software and services; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to promote IT export by States?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. (b): The available information on State-wise exports of Software and Services during the last three years is enclosed at Annexure.
- (c): The Government has a scheme of development of Software Technology Parks jointly with the State Governments.
- (d): The financial assistance provided in respect of Software Technology Parks in Maharashtra during the last three years is as under:

Year	STP Centre	Grant-in-aid (Rs.in lakhs)
2000-01	Nagpur	50.00
	Aurangabad	50.00
2001-02	Nasik	50.00
	Kolhapur	50.00
2002-03		Nil

- (e): The share of Maharashtra in the export of Computer Software and Services during the year 2002-03 is around 15%.
- (f): Government has the following two schemes, supplementing each other, for promoting exports by States:
 - i) The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry is providing assistance to State Governments for development of export infrastructure. Under this scheme, 80% of the funds are allocated to State Governments on the basis of exports made by the units in the State.
 - ii) Support for setting up Software Technology Parks infrastructure with a contribution of Rs.50 lakh by Department of Information Technology.