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

- (a) whether India and Thailand have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on joint collaboration in the Information Technology Sector;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the Memorandum of Understanding;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the extent to which India will assist Thailand in Information Technology?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The MOU is to promote closer cooperation in the following areas:

- Electronic Commerce
- Electronic Government
- Information Security
- Human Resource Development
- Research, Design & Development
- Exploring third world markets.

(c): The MOU is valid for three years from the date of its execution and its term may be extended any time by mutual consent of the Parties.

(d): The cooperation in IT would mainly relate to identifying and facilitating programmes for the purpose of:

- i) Exploring and supporting research and implementation, incubation, venture financing and infrastructural development for IT.
- ii) Development of skills through exchange programme, joint sponsorship of conference, training programmes and seminars in IT sector.
- iii) To involve, wherever possible, entrepreneurs in India and Thailand to foster incubation activities.
- iv) Development of technology, product, trade and market between the two countries.