

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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ASSESSMENT OF IT PROFESSIONALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any assessment about the number of I.T. professionals in the country;
- (b) whether all these I.t. professionals have been suitably employed to their satisfaction;
- (c) whether countries like Germany, France, Austria and Norway have raised any demand for our I.T. professionals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken to meet these demands; and
- (e) the extent to which these countries have finally agreed to take our I.T. professionals?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): As per Interim Report of the Task Force on Human Resource Development (HRD), there were 3,40,000 Software professionals employed in the country as on 31st March, 2001.
- (c), (d) and (e): As per NASSCOM Strategic Review 2001, countries like France, Germany, Italy, UK, Ireland have critical shortage of IT professionals. With a view to attract IT professionals from India, these countries have initiated relaxed immigration measures. Approximate demand for IT professionals in these countries are: Germany 20,000; France 15,000; UK 30,000 and Italy 10,000.