

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:256  
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000  
VISIT OF MINISTER TO SILICON VALLEY  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

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

- (a) whether any agreements or MOUs were signed during the recent visit of the Minister of IT to the Silicon Valley; and  
(b) if so, the action taken in pursuance thereof?

**Answer**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.256 FOR 09.08.2000 REGARDING VISIT OF MINISTER TO SILICON VALLEY

(a) and (b): The details in this regard are as below:-

1. A Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) was signed between the Ministry of Information Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to establish two Centres of Excellence in Information Technology one each in India and Ministry of Information Technology(MIT), USA to undertake advanced research, education, human resource development and applications development in areas associated with Information Technology.

2. A second MOU was signed between IIT, Bombay and Compaq Computer India Private Limited for establishment of an Alpha Competency Centre for Unix based e-Commerce Applications for India.

3. A third MOU was signed between ERNET India, an autonomous society of the Ministry of Information Technology and M/s Cisco Systems Inc., USA. 4. The concerned agencies in India and USA are taking necessary follow up action.