

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that information technology experts and guides are not available in all District Industry Centres of Gujarat;
- (b) whether the much talked Capital Venture Scheme has not yet been implemented;
- (c) whether the guidelines regarding ISO certification 9002 are not available either with informatics or District Industry Centres;
- (d) if so, the efforts being made by the Government for the development of this technology in the country particularly in Gujarat; and
- (e) the time frame worked out therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): According to the information received from the State Government of Gujarat, the Information Technology Policy of the Gujarat state has provided for setting up of Venture Capital Fund to promote Information Technology industry in the State. The State Government had earmarked a sum of Rs.9 crores during 1999-2000 for Venture Capital Fund for promoting first generation entrepreneurs on the cutting edge of Information Technology. In the current year Rs.15 crores has been earmarked for this fund. Ministry of Information Technology(MIT), Government of India has already, in December 1999 launched National Venture Fund for Software and IT industry (NFSIT) with a corpus of Rs.100crores in association with Small Industry Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI). Out of 123 cases received, ten cases have been sanctioned involving an amount of about Rs.25 crores.

(c), (d) and (e): According to the information received from the State Government of Gujarat, the guidelines regarding ISO Certification 9002 are available with District Industry Centres. The State Government has introduced the scheme for incentive for industries to obtain ISO 9002 Certification. District Industries Centres are organising awareness programmes/Seminars at District level in coordination with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) / Small Industries Service Institute (SISI), Government of India and respective Industry Associations of the District for necessary guidance to industries and for implementation of ISO Scheme.