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RANK OF INDIA IN IT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TELECOMMUNICATION COMPETITION

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

(a) whether the World Economic Forum has put India at 65th and 41st rank on the information technology infrastructure and telecommunication competition microindices respectively;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the India's position?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): According to the table in the report of World Economic Forum, India is 67th on the Infrastructure environment sub-index. Regarding telecommunications, as per information available on Internet site of World Economic Forum, India is positioned 56th out of the 102 economies ranked in the growth competitiveness index of the World Economic Forum's Global competitiveness report 2003-04.

(b) and (c): Government constantly endeavours to foster a market environment in the ICT sector through the instrumentality of the National Telecom Policy and IT Act 2000. The regulatory and policy framework is conducive to investment in setting up communication as well as IT infrastructure. The formal and informal education system has catered to the skill sets required for the IT enabled services. Through an orientation and adherence to high quality processes and expertise in hardware and software platforms, the software services industry has established itself in the global markets.