GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether the Indian companies engaged in outsourcing markets are able to compete with the international companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of companies engaged in outsourcing market and the number of softwares exported alongwith the earnings made therefrom during the last three years, till date;

(c) whether the target fixed and achieved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to made available affordable computers at rural level and to the poor people?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per Export Promotion Council for Software (ESC) It is estimated that there are around 5000 IT and ITES exporting companies in India.

As per NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies), India's export of computer software and ITES/BPO in the last three years is as follows:

2004-05: US \$ 17.7 Billion 2005-06: US \$ 23.6 Billion 2006-07: US \$ 31.3 Billion

(c) and (d): As per ESC the target for export of Computer Software/Services and ITES/BPO was fixed at Rs. 140000 crore (US\$ 31.11 billion) for the year 2006-07 and has been achieved.

The Government is facilitating the industry to make available Personal Computers (PCs) at affordable prices for the masses. Three companies have already launched PCs costing less than Rs. 10,000/- in the market. The report of the expert Committee on `PC Penetration, Internet and Domestic Software: set up by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, has delineated a vision for India which encompasses to increase the pace of PC penetration by 2008 to the levels of 65 PCs per 1000 persons from the existing 18.5 PCs per 1000 persons.