GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4052
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DEVELOPMENT OF FREE/OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote free/open source software in the development of I.T. Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for encouragement of said software in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir.The Government has set up a National Resource Centre for Free/Open Source Software to carry out research & development, human resource development, resource `centres creation in specific areas and their deployment with the primary objective of promoting Free and Open Source Software in the country.

Total funds spent so far by Department of Information Technology during last three years and the current year are Rs. 2110.47 lakhs as follows:-

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Year  Funds (Rs. Lakhs)


2005-2006 185.00


2006-2007 224.86


2007-2008 722.84


2008-2009 696.77


2009 till date 281.00


Total      2110.47
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