

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ROAD MAP FOR IT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Information Technology (IT) market is likely to reach more than Rs. 3.00 lakh crore in 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the road map prepared for the 12th Five Year Plan period for the IT Sector;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the growing influence of China in Indian Ocean Region in IT and telecom sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to protect Indian interests;
- (e) whether the Government is having any plan for investment in Maldives in IT and telecom sectors; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) and (b): According to Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT), the estimated IT Hardware Market in 2013-2014 is likely to reach INR 3.00 lakh crores, as per the details given below:-

IT Hardware Products		2013-2014	
		Units (In Million numbers)	Value (In INR Crore)
Desktop PC	6.99	16176	
Note Book / Note Book PC	5.12	15605	
Smartphone	21.46	253121	
Tablet PC	3.84	4445	
Printer (UP + LJP)	2.87	8685	
Total Market	40.28	298031	

As per the report of Sub-Group on 'e-Industry - Electronics Hardware Manufacturing' for the 12th Five Year Plan, Electronics is a flagship sector of strategic importance. With the demand for electronics hardware expected to rise rapidly, India has the potential to become an electronics hardware-manufacturing hub and contribute significantly to the increase in our GDP, employment and exports. Electronics Hardware Manufacturing continues to be a thrust area for the Government. The vision is to establish India as a leading global destination for the manufacturing of electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM). The aim is to create a level playing field and an enabling environment for the industry to compete globally. This requires several initiatives including setting up of a semiconductor fab, providing support to manufacturing across the value chain, providing world-class infrastructure through Electronics Manufacturing Clusters, supporting R&D and innovation by setting up of Electronics Development Fund. Besides, efforts to institute a mechanism for mandating compliance to standards for electronics goods, communications and brand development, marketing of India as an investment destination and human resource development are some of the other initiatives which need to be pursued. An outlay of Rs. 9500 Crores (approx.) has been provided for various programmes / schemes for the promotion of ESDM sector during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d): As per the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), as such there is no influence of China in Indian Ocean Region in IT and telecom sectors. However, based on commercial viability, Indian companies are investing in different countries such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Seychelles etc.

(e) and (f): Government of India has no plan for investment in Maldives in IT and Telecom sector.