

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN SALE OF COMPUTER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the sale of computers has registered a sharp decline during the current financial year in comparison with previous years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to boost the sale of computers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): As per information provided by the Manufacturers` Association for Information Technology (MAIT), the consumption of computers recorded a negative growth of 7% in 2008-09 over 2007- 08. Sales fell from 7.3 million units to 6.8 million units. However, as per the current data available with MAIT, sales are improving quarter on quarter and are expected to grow by 7-10% in 2009-10. The drop in sales has been a reflection of the global economic downturn which had also impacted the domestic economy and hence the local consumption of IT hardware.

(c) and (d): The fiscal incentive package announced by the Government, especially making Excise duty uniform across the computer Industry value chain has to an extent helped the Industry. Further, spending by the Government on e-Governance projects has also helped to boost the sale of computers in the country.

(e): Does not arise.