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Small and Medium Companies
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the steps taken to facilitate small and medium size IT companies to get enough and adequate support for existing projects and also to get new foreign projects;
- (b) the steps taken to provide job opportunities to large number of new IT professionals available in the country every year;
- (c) the total number of Indian IT graduates and IT professionals in domestic and international market and their per capita income in both India and in countries from where they are working; and
- (d) the measures taken by NASSCOM and other professional bodies to augment IT business both domestic and international?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The Information Technology(IT) and IT Enabled Services (IT-ITES) industry in India has been progressively growing and is able to secure new projects from various countries during the FY 2014-15. According to NASSCOM, the export revenue in respect of Indian IT-ITES industry is estimated at USD 98.1 billion during FY 2014-15 as against USD 87.3 billion during FY 2013-14, registering an increase of 12.4 per cent during the said period.

The following two schemes of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry are aimed at assisting the small and medium size IT companies to secure new projects:

(i) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme (ii) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme

Besides, Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) regularly organizes a number of activities under the above two schemes which have greatly helped the SME IT companies to Market their products and Services globally.

(b): Indian IT-ITES industry continues to be a net hirer. According to NASSCOM, as the IT-ITES industry grows, greater job opportunities are expected to be available. NASSCOM is actively involved in various faculty development programs and has partnered with the Sector Skill Council (SSC), a joint initiative of NASSCOM and National Skill Development Council (NSDC) to study the available skills and project the required skills to meet the emerging needs of the IT-ITES sector.

(c): The total number of IT professionals including graduates catering to India and International markets during FY 2014-15 is estimated as under:

FY 2014-15 (Estimated)
IT-ITES Domestic 745000
IT -ITES Export 2774000

According to NASSCOM, about 5% of the employee base is based abroad but no data is available in regard to per capita income of such professionals on a country basis.

(d): According to NASSCOM, it has been actively involved with various stakeholders including the industry, academia and the government to sustain India's growth in IT-ITES industry both domestic and International. NASSCOM plays an active role in the formulation of policy in key areas such as skill development, trade and business services and also providing platforms for its members and other stakeholders, in regard to exchange of views. NASSCOM is supporting companies in networking and market access for their innovative products. NASSCOM is engaging with the Indian Govt. and Govt. of other countries to remove trade barriers and address mobility issues like restriction on visa etc.
