

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IT Professionals in USA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge demand for Indian Information Technology (IT) professionals in the United States of America (USA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of IT professionals employed in the USA at present;
- (c) whether the Indian IT industrial units are likely to suffer additional financial loss due to a recent visa fee hike by the USA; and
- (d) if so, the estimated financial loss likely to be suffered by the Indian IT Industries annually as a result thereof?

Answer

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *241 FOR 11.05.2016 REGARDING IT PROFESSIONALS IN USA
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(a) and(b): Yes, Sir. There is an ever increasing demand of the Indian IT professionals in USA. The great success of India's IT industry is recognized world over including USA. The total exports of Indian IT Services has increased from US\$98 Billion in FY2014-15 to US\$108 Billion in FY2015-16. The exports of Indian IT Services to USA have also increased in the same period, from US\$60.8 Billion to US\$67 Billion (estimated). Country specific data of IT professionals employed in USA is not maintained. However, it has been estimated by National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), that approximately 6 lakh Indian IT professionals are working in USA.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. As per NASSCOM, the impact of US visa fee hike (Public Law - 114-113) on Indian IT units is estimated to be around US\$ 400 million per year. This assessment includes both new applications and extensions. However, the US government has informed that, as of now, extensions are not covered. Therefore, the estimated impact of US visa fee hike on new applications alone would be around US\$ 200 million.
