

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 18.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**STAND ON US'S NEW OUTSOURCING POLICY .**

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Shri Prakash Javadekar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has taken any stand on US's new outsourcing policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Government's plan in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) Government of India has conveyed to the US Government its concerns over the protectionist sentiments in the United States, which could have an adverse impact on Indian information technology based service industry. The United States Government has stated its commitment, including in the context of G-20, to resist protectionism in all its forms. During the visit of US President Barack Obama to India from 6 to 9 November 2010, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and President Obama agreed on steps to reduce trade barriers and protectionist measures. They also agreed to facilitate movement of professionals between the two countries.