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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2303
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.08.2026**

DATA CENTRES AND CLOUD SERVICES FOR EXPORT

2303. # SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified data centres and cloud services as an export sector similar to Global Capability Centres (GCCs);
- (b) if so, the estimated export revenue and foreign exchange earnings from India-based cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure by the year 2030; and
- (c) the policy measures proposed to attract global cloud service providers to provide services to foreign clients from India?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

(a) to (c): Data centres are an important & integral component of the overall Digital India Infrastructure ecosystem. The Data Centre industry in India has been growing at a steady pace. The rapid growth of AI and high-performance computing is driving increasing demand for data centre capacity in the country.

The Government has notified Foreign Trade Policy on 31st March 2023. Chapter 6 of the policy covers Export Oriented Units (EOUs), including units engaged in the manufacture of goods and rendering of services such as software development, IT-enabled services (ITeS) and other core services etc.

As per information available with the Department of Commerce, Government of India, data on IT services is captured under the broad category of "Telecommunications, computer, and information services." Exports of cloud services are subsumed within this category and are therefore not classified separately.

In the year 2025, global exports of IT Services were valued at USD 1418.4 billion, accounting for 14.7% of total global services exports. India's IT services exports reached USD 136.2

billion in 2025, representing 9.6% of global IT services exports. India continues to be the second-largest exporter of IT services globally.

Data Centres are included in the harmonized list of Infrastructure Sub Sectors (October 2022), enabling easier access to finance. In the Union Budget 2026-27, Government has made a long term announcement regarding companies providing cloud services globally by using data centres from India to attract investments in the sector.

Various states have introduced Data Centre policies for attracting business. These policies are majorly focused on Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and creation of industry ready infrastructure.
