REVENUE FROM IT SECTOR

*225.   SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan/roadmap to increase the revenue from the Information Technology (IT) sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the competition from other countries in IT sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government plans to increase domestic manufacturing of electronic components and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government also plans to increase the availability of computer/IT programming in regional languages across the country, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*225 FOR 03.01.2018 REGARDING REVENUE FROM IT SECTOR.

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(a): Yes, Sir. The Government has taken a series of steps and initiated programmes under the Digital India Initiative for growth of the Information Technology (IT) sector. These include steps to increase domestic Electronic production, BPO promotion schemes for creation of employment opportunities and promotion of BPO/ITeS operations across the country particularly in small cities/towns including rural areas, re-skilling and up-skilling of IT workforce in new and emerging IT technologies, and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to bring about digital inclusion.

(b):   Yes, Sir. Many countries are building capabilities and offering incentives to compete in the global market to attract IT investments and operations. These include China, Philippines, Malaysia, South Africa, and countries in Eastern Europe.

(c):   Yes, Sir. The Government has taken concrete steps including Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP), the Modified Special Incentive Package scheme (M-SIPS) and the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) programme to incentivize electronic manufacturing in the country. Research and Development (R&D) initiatives have been launched for "Chip to System", "India Microprocessor", Nano-Electronics and Micro-Electronics.

(d):   Yes, Sir. Under the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) and Open Source Software (FOSS) development initiatives of the Government, fonts, drivers, tools, utilities, and standards have been developed and popular software such as Open Office, Libre Office, web browser Firefox, and email client Thunderbird have been localized in all 22 Indian languages including their alternative scripts. These are made available free to public to enable use of computers in local language as well as to develop applications and content.

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