

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT OF OVER 25 LAKH PEOPLE IN ELECTRONICS SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment to verify that the reported employment of over 25 lakh people in the electronics sector is accurate and not inflated, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the iPhone exports from India reached Rs 2.03 lakh crore in 2025, nearly double 2024 figures—has this been independently audited, if so, the measures taken by the Government to ensure that other domestic manufacturers also benefit from export growth;
- (c) whether the Government considered the risk of foreign corporations dominating electronics exports while small & medium Indian manufacturers are marginalized and if so, the safeguards exist to protect local industry, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that mobile phone production was projected to reach Rs. 6.76 lakh crore by 2025 and if so, the details of the proportion of this growth i.e. domestic versus foreign-owned companies; and
- (e) the details of number of jobs likely to be created for Indian workers?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Driven by Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, Government of India has taken several policy initiatives to develop a complete ecosystem of electronics manufacturing. As a result of these initiatives, electronics manufacturing in India has expanded significantly in the last 11 years, which can be seen from the following statistics:

#	2014-15	2024-25	Remarks
Production of electronics goods (Rs.)	~1.9 Lakh Cr	~11.3 Lakh Cr	Increased 6 times
Export of electronics goods (Rs.)	~0.38 Lakh Cr	~3.3 Lakh Cr	Increased 8 times

The mobile phone manufacturing has played an anchor role in this growth of the Indian Electronics ecosystem. In the last decade, India has witnessed a remarkable growth in the mobile phone

manufacturing and exports. India has emerged as the 2nd largest mobile manufacturer in the world. India has reached a stage where ~99% of mobile handsets being sold in India are ‘Made in India’ (in volume terms). This is a remarkable shift from FY 2014-15, when around 74% of mobile phones sold in India were imported. Now, India has become a net exporter of Mobile Phones from being an importer of the same in 2014. Mobile phones production and exports trends over last decade are as in the below table:

#	2014-15	2024-25	Remarks
Production of mobile phones (Rs.)	~0.18 Lakh Cr	~5.5 Lakh Cr	Increased 28 times
Export of mobile phones (Rs.)	~0.01 Lakh Cr	~ 2 Lakh Cr	Increased 127 times

Mobile phone exports have increased by 1.6 times from Rs. 1.29 lakh crores in financial year 2023-24 to Rs. 2.05 lakh crores in financial year 2024-25. These exports figures are as per DGCIS (Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics) data, available in public domain at <https://trade-analytics.commerce.gov.in>.

As per the Economic Survey 2025-26, mobile phone manufacturing led to total production of ₹9.34 lakh crore and exports of ₹5.12 lakh crore until September 2025.

As per industry estimates, electronics industry employs more than 25 lakh people.

Further, more than 75% of electronics trade are done by Global Value Chains (GVCs). GVCs locate their manufacturing and supply chain depending on various factors of competitive advantage. MSMEs and their skilled workforce provide complimentary strength to GVCs. As a result, these MSMEs are largely becoming part of the supply chain of these GVCs. In this process, these MSMEs are developing and building their capacities and capabilities to provide world class products to the GVCs not only for the domestic market but for the exports as well.
