

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*53**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015

**OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE**

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**SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

**SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to popularize and implement open source software in all the Government aided information technology programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED  
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(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): To encourage the formal adoption and use of Open Source Software (OSS), Government of India (GOI) has notified the “Policy on Adoption of Open Source Software for Government of India” in March, 2015.

In pursuant to this policy, department has also published the "Framework for Adoption of Open Source Software" for rapid and effective adoption of OSS in e-Governance Systems in India. It lays down a set of recommendations and procedures for promoting, managing and enhancing the adoption of OSS.

(c): Does not arise.

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