

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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EFFECT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON INDIAN IT INDUSTRY

3428. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Indian IT Industry, worth thousands of million dollars, is likely to be adversely affected after the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to neutralize the impact?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE for ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) to (c): As per National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the Indian IT-BPM industry is expected to grow by 2.3% generating revenue of USD 194 billion in FY 2020-21. Government has taken various initiatives to neutralize the impact of COVID-19 on Indian IT industry which include new OSPs (Other Service Providers) guidelines by Department of Telecommunications to enable “Work From Anywhere” for the Companies, enable work from Home for employees of IT/ITES units in SEZs, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has launched SASACT (Scheme for Accelerating Start-ups Around post-COVID Technology) programme to support electronics hardware/ ICT based tech entrepreneurial initiatives of start-ups for developing technologies, tools, systems, solutions to respond to the post COVID-19 scenario emerging in the near horizon.
