GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2830. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

(a) whether the Government has any plan to increase revenue in the field of information technology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the competition with other countries in the field of information technology and if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the availability of computer/I.T. programming in regional languages across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Yes Sir. Under the Digital India program, India is emerging as a trusted partner in the global value chain. With increased digitalization, India is poised to be a trillion dollar digital economy and has referred the coming decade as Techade. The Indian Information Technology (IT) Sector has been growing Year on Year (YoY). As per National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the sector has grown around 16% from USD196 Billion in financial year 2020-21 to USD227 Billion in financial year 2021-22(estimated), thereby adding over 5 lakh employees in FY 2021-22 to reach 51 lakh direct jobs. To maintain this growth momentum, the government has taken various steps which include setting up of 62 centres of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) across the country and recently notified amendments to Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Rules to enable long term hybrid work model or Work from Home (WFH) for 50% employees of units in SEZs. To create employment opportunities and dispersal of IT/ITES industry in small cities and towns, the government had launched two BPO promotion schemes, namely India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS) under Digital India Program. In addition, the government has launched several programs to promote Start-Ups and entrepreneurship such as Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS), Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) Scheme and

various domain specific Centres of Excellence (CoEs) which also support in generating employment opportunities. Further, to develop the future work force in emerging digital skills Government and National Association of Software and Services (NASSCOM) have jointly

initiated a programme titled "FutureSkills PRIME (Programme for Re-skilling/Up-skilling of IT Manpower for Employability)".The government has also come up with National Policy on Software Products (NPSP)to create a vibrant software product ecosystem to complement the robust IT Industry for continued growth, new employment and enhance competitiveness. The Government has also initiated various market development programs in many regions such as Nordics and Africa, Gemenics, China and Japan regions to increase market access for Indian IT companies including SMEs and Start-Ups.

(b): Yes Sir. The Government is aware of the competition the Industry faces from countries like Vietnam, Philippines, Singapore, etc. However, India continues to retain leadership position in the field of IT with around 55 % share of the total global IT sourcing market.

(c): Yes Sir. Government is aiming to make India a significant design and manufacturing hub in the Global Value Chain for electronics as part of AtmaNirbhar Bharat economic policies. Government is broadening and deepening the electronic manufacturing ecosystem. National Policy on Electronics 2019 (NPE 2019) envisions positioning India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) by encouraging and driving capabilities in the country for developing core components, including chipsets, and creating an enabling environment for the industry to compete globally.

(d) and (e): No Sir, there is no such proposal under consideration. However, Government has launched National Digital platform for languages i.e. "Bhashini" which aims to enable all Indians easy access to the internet and digital services in their own languages, and increase the content in Indian languages.

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