GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3435

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IMPACT ON INDIAN IT SECTOR DUE TO POLICY CHANGES IN USA AND EUROPE

3435. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the developments that are taking place in the United States of America have a bearing on the Indian Information Technology sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Information Technology sector has been badly affected due to certain changes that are taking place in USA and European countries, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), though various bills to effect changes in H-1B Visa policy have been introduced in the US Congress, no new Executive order relating to H-1B visa/ travel policy or wage increase has been released yet by the U.S. Government that may impact India. According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), USA and European countries accounts for about 90% out of the total Indian IT-ITES exports from the country. The Indian IT-ITES industry export revenue continues to grow at about 8.5% estimated to reach US \$ 117.0 billion in FY 2016-17 as compared to US \$ 107.8 billion in FY 2015-16. Government of India has undertaken a consultative approach with the industry associations including NASSCOM and industry members to discuss measures to improve the overall state of the IT industry and key challenges being faced. Besides, efforts are also being made to diversify global markets which include markets like Africa, South America, Australia, Israel, China and Japan.
