

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2016

UNITED STATES-INDIA ICT WORKING GROUP

1213 SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the United States-India Information and Communication Technology Working Group which was set up in 2005 and revived in 2014, promotes development of the ICT sector in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said working group has very recently met in Delhi, where several issues were discussed; and
- (c) whether both sides discussed the accomplishments of the Digital India Programme in transforming India into a digitally empowered society, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Subsequent to the setting up of India-US ICT Working Group (ICT-JWG) in July 2005 as part of the India-US economic dialogue, the ICT-JWG with an aim to address outstanding issues and promote technological/ economic cooperation between India and USA had been meeting regularly. Till date 11 meetings have taken place.

(b): Yes, Sir. A meeting of India-US ICT Working Group was held on 27th September, 2016 in New Delhi. During the meeting partnership on Digital India Initiatives, issues related to mobility of skilled professionals, Internet Governance, Internet of Things, e-Commerce, Cyber Security, ICTE equipment standards, security and safety in ICTE products etc. were discussed.

(c): Yes., Sir. During the ICT WG meeting held in New Delhi on 27 September 2016 partnership on Digital India Initiatives was one of the agenda items. Both sides discussed the accomplishments of the Digital India Programme in transforming India into a digitally empowered society and a key stakeholder in the knowledge economy, with a resolve to further B2B / G2G collaboration with an aim to advance the goals of the Digital India Programme and the Global Connect Initiative.
