

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1367**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.12.2017

**LOSS TO IT SECTOR**

**1367. SHRI MANISH GUPTA:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian IT Industry has been severely affected by increased levels of protectionism in the US and other developed countries' markets during the past one year;
- (b) if so, the estimated level of losses to the Indian IT sector in terms of revenues, profits and employment during this financial year and in the coming two years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by IT companies, industry bodies and Government to minimize these negative effects?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Estimation of expected losses is not made as various legislative changes proposed are at discussion stage and have not yet become law. In the current fiscal, the IT industry is projected to continue to be a net hirer and grow nearly 8 % to reach US\$ 154 billion.

(c): Government has undertaken a consultative approach with the industry associations and industry members to improve the overall state of the IT industry and key challenges being faced. Efforts are also being made to diversify and increase presence in other markets such as Europe (besides UK), Africa, South America, Israel, Australia, China and Japan. The Indian industry bodies such as NASSCOM are also in regular contact with their counterparts to nullify/minimise the adverse impact.

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