

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government have launched National Venture Capital Fund to facilitate the development in Information Technology Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the role of MIT and its arms NIC and NICNET to provide one point information dissemination and management facility;
- (d) whether all the State capitals and district head quarters are connected with one control room through NICNET; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India have set up a Rs.100 crores National Fund for IT and Software Development in association with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Industrial Development Bank of India for the development of IT sector in India. Rs.60 crores as initial contribution has been collected initially from the above contributors including Ministry of Information Technology. The fund will be professionally managed by the Asset Management Company set up under the Companies Act, 1956.

(c): Ministry of Information Technology through its Attached Office namely, National Informatics Centre (NIC), is providing computer based support to Ministries and Departments of Central and State Government, District Administrations and other Government bodies for day-to-day functioning and planning. NIC has set up a Satellite based computer communication network called NICNET which provides various services including Internet, E-Mail and file transfer to users. NIC has developed informative web sites for various Government Departments including State Governments and Public Sector Units under its 'Indian Image' program.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. NIC has set up a satellite based computer communication network called NICNET with master earth station at New Delhi and VSATs in various Central Government, State Government Secretariats and District Administration. All State capitals have VSATs.