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INDO-CHINA COOPERATION IN IT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister while addressing a large gathering of industry and IT professionals in China had proposed that the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing could provide a good opportunity for Indian and Chinese companies to work together;
- (b) if so, the stage at which the proposal stands at present; and
- (c) the main points of discussion and agreements reached between the two countries for cooperation in IT sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) sees a business opportunity in the Beijing Olympic Hightech Action Plan, which provides for optimization of a batch of projects in the field of traffic and transport, clean energy, environment, protection of the Olympic sports ground and gymnasias, opening and closing ceremonies, science and technology for sports and development of Zhongguancon Science and Technology Park Zone. NASSCOM is exploring the feasibility of cooperation between Indian and Chinese companies for the IT requirements of the 2008 Olympic games.

(c): The opening up of services sector, especially with reference to the movement of professionals and natural persons was discussed and it was agreed to adopt a coordinated approach in the forthcoming round of WTO negotiations in this regard.