

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF COMPETITOR IN SOFTWARE SERVICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have identified the countries which are potential competitor to India in its Software and services business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to face the emerging challenge in the IT sector?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Indian Software & Services Industry has emerged as a key global player. The countries likely to be potential competitors to India in Software & Services include China, Israel, Ireland, Russia, CIS countries, East European Block, Philippine, Mexico and Vietnam.

(c): The initiatives taken by Government to promote the IT sector are enclosed at Annexure.