

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

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INCREASE DECREASE IN SOFTWARE TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various incentives given/steps taken by the Government have shown any encouraging results in regard to software trade;
- (b) if so, the details of the trade made during 2001-2002 so far and the comparative increase of decrease as compared to 2000-2001;
- (c) whether software industry has asked the Government to give more concessions for healthy development of the Industry; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The export of software during 2001-2002 was of the order of Rs.36,500 crores as compared to Rs.28,350 crores during 2000-2001, registering a growth of over 28%.

(c) and (d): The software industry has represented against the announcement in the Budget, 2002-2003 for reduction of full deduction hitherto available on export profits under Sections 10A and 10B of the Income Tax Act, to a deduction of 90% of the export profits.