

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN SOFTWARE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Advisory Committee on Information Technology held a meeting in May, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether a strategy was drawn up for the Indian software industry to develop branded products and services as well as specialise in consultancy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to implement the strategy drawn up?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. The 3rd meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Information Technology was held on 10.5.2001.
- (b),(c) and (d): The meeting was called to specifically discuss the issue of Slow Down of US Economy and its likely impact on the Indian software exports.

The Committee observed that there was no cause for concern and the situation would be reviewed by the end of this year to assess the actual impact.