

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF SOFTWARE INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been constant growth in the software industry of the country during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the total number of industrial institutes registered by the end of March 2001, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of big, medium and small institutes among these institutes?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c): The IT software sector is amongst the fastest growing sectors of Indian economy. The software exports has contributed significantly in this growth, with growth rate of more than 50% over the past five years. The information in respect of number of IT software units state-wise, registered under the STP scheme till 31st March`2001, and units categorized on the basis of exports during the year 2000-01, is at Annexure.