

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN CO- OPERATION/ COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF IT

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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether Russia and China have shown keen interest for co- operation and collaboration in IT sector with India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the road map chalked out by both the countries in this regard; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Department of Information Technology has a Working Group on Technology with Russia for bilateral cooperation in the IT sector wherein Russia has desired India`s support for development of their IT sector such as development of Software Technology Parks etc. However, no road map has been chalked out by both the countries so far.

An MoU has been signed between India and China for bilateral cooperation in IT sector in July 2000. However, there has not been much initiative taken from the Chinese side in this regard.