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WINDOWS XP STARTER EDITION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Microsoft company has released a low price `Starter Edition` (OPERATING SYSTEM) in Hindi and Tamil which is known as the Windows XP starter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the company has a proposal to release such low priced Starter Edition in other Indian languages particularly in Kannada; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Microsoft is a private multinational company and Department of Information Technology (DIT) has no collaboration with Microsoft in the language technology. However, it is learnt from Microsoft that Windows XP Starter Edition has been released for Hindi and Tamil and they have plans to release Windows XP Starter Edition in seven more languages for which they have not specified any timeline.