

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MICROSOFT COMPANY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether `Microsoft` founder Chairman during his recent visit to New Delhi in December, 2005 discussed with him (Minister of IT) various areas of cooperation, to create an enabling environment for adoption of Information Technology across the entire country;
- (b) if so, the areas of cooperation thus identified and the terms of cooperation agreed upon; and
- (c) the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During his recent visit to New Delhi in December 2005 Founder Chairman of Microsoft held discussion with Minister of Communications and IT on the following areas :

- (i) Launch of Windows XP Starter Edition for India
- (ii) IT enabled Education
- (iii) Support for establishment of Rural Kiosks
- (iv) Steps to accelerate PC and Broadband penetration in India
- (v) Language Computing Initiatives
- (vi) E-Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Centre
- (vii) Security Cooperation

(c): An agreement has been signed in the area of `Security Cooperation` by Cert-IN of DIT with Microsoft. For the `E- Governance Investment Fund and Innovation Center` NISG, a Section 25, not-for-profit Company, promoted by government jointly with the private sector has entered into the agreement.