

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURE OF INDIGENOUS PCs  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) the manufacturing capacity of computer hardware industry in the country at present as compared to the last three years;
- (b) the quantity and value of Personal Computers imported during each of the last three years;
- (c) the impediments and obstacles, if any, in encouraging manufacture of hardware of PCs in the country including duty structure;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to set up adequate computer manufacturing units in the country to encourage domestic manufacture of PCs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the data provided by Manufacturers` Association of Information Technology (MAIT), the estimated manufacturing capacity of computer hardware industry in the Organised sector in the country was as under:

Year Manufacturing Capacity  
(Million Units)

2003-04	4.0
2004-05	3.0
2005-06	2.3

(b): The quantity and value of Personal Computers imported during each of the last three years was as under:

Year Quantity (Nos.) Value (Rs. in Lacs)

2002-03	47,054	18,374
2003-04	56,899	20,625
2004-05	1,16,370	43,109

(Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata)

(c): The indigenous IT hardware industry suffers impediments on account of inadequate infrastructure; high cost of finance, freight & power and high transaction cost. The present duty structure is conducive for manufacturing of PCs in the country.

(d) and (e): Steps taken by the Government to promote domestic manufacturing of Computers is enclosed at Annexure. Department of Information Technology (DIT) has prepared `A Discussion Paper on the Conceptual Policy Framework to Promote Growth of Electronics/IT Hardware Manufacturing Industry`, which covers domestic manufacturing of computer hardware. A Task Force has been set up by the PMO under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister to discuss the proposals contained in the Draft Paper.