

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1351  
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ALLOCATION OF FUND IN IT SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the allocation for HRD in IT had been scaled down from that planned initially for the 1 year 2003-2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the impact of this reduction on the plans to make India a global R&D hub in IT;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade some existing engineering institutes in the country as institutes of excellence in IT;
- (e) if so, the names of institutes so selected State/Union Territory-wise;
- (f) the amount allocated to each of these institutions for the purpose; and
- (g) the number of Ph.Ds and M.Techs in IT in the country at present and the target fixed in this regard, if any, for the future?

**Answer**

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

- (a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. As per the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), against a budget estimate of Rs.30.00 crores under the National Programme of HRD in IT, a provision of Rs.1.00 crore was kept at revised estimate stage, as the proposal was not approved.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e) and (f): Do not arise.
- (g): As per the report of the Task Force on HRD in IT, about 25 Ph.D and 300 M.Tech. degree holders in computer science are produced every year in the country. No specific targets have been fixed in this regard.