

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1271  
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PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Department of Posts had purchased computers at rates higher than the DGS&D approved rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department had placed an order for supply of 104 servers at the rate of Rs. 1.70 lakhs on M/s Compaq Computers (India) Pvt. Ltd. on 21.3.2001 for the Multipurpose Counter Machines (MPCMs) project. Subsequently, another purchase order was placed with M/s IBM on 28.3.2001 for supply of 5 servers for the Very Small aperture Terminal (VSAT) Money Order Transmission project at the rate of Rs. 1.28 lakhs at DGS&D approved rate. The configuration of the Servers in both the cases were not the same. This was the reason for the price difference.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.