

- (a) whether it is a fact that China wanted to set up software station in Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the decision Government has taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such proposal of the Department of Information Technology (DIT). DIT deals with the matter relating to Software Technology Parks.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Do-Not-Call registry scheme

1110. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the efficacy of the Do-Not-Call registry scheme launched a year ago, to save telephone subscribers from unwanted calls by telemarketeers;
- (b) whether the working group of RBI has opined that it might not be advisable to ban all telemarketing calls as a large number of people are in favour of receiving such calls;
- (c) whether in total negation of the purpose of Do-Not-Call registry scheme Government has now come forward with Do-Call registry; and
- (d) if so, the rationale behind such a step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, in the last one year of operation of National Do-Not-Call (NDNC) registry, there has been a significant reduction in the number of telemarketing calls to the registered subscribers of NDNC registry.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the "Report of the Working Group on Regulatory Mechanism for Cards" of RBI, it has been opined that....." it may not be advisable to ban all call by telephone/cellphone for the purpose of marketing, since this is an important marketing tool and number of people (both existing and potential customers) are in favour of receiving calls regarding new products/information update on existing products, for the members of the public who do not wish to receive such calls a mechanism has to be introduced to protect their privacy".

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

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1111. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: