

- Hundred million Internet connection and one million IT Kiosks by 2008 to enable a common man to have access to Internet/IT Services.
- No licences and controls for setting up IT infrastructure and services.
- Promote development of Indian Language content over Internet.
- To launch mass awareness campaign through IT Yatras and other program.
- To set up a IT Mission for 5 years to carry out the programme recommended in the report and follow up other recommendations of the report.
- Compulsory IT literacy for Government recruitment.
- Earmarking upto 5% budget for IT induction in Government.
- State Government Portals to help rural artisans and entrepreneurs.
- Internet Portal for one point Government information and services.
- All Government information to be on Internet.
- All Government Payment on Internet.
- Results of Public examination to be made available on Internet.

The report of the Working Group is under consideration of the Government.

Mushrooming Growth of Private Computer Institutes

2720. SHRI R.P GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the mushrooming growth of private computer institutes in the country in view of the wide projected gap between demand and supply for computer professionals;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some institutes are charging high fees even upto Rs. 2 lakhs, varying with courses and some of them are even reported to be fly-by-night operators;

(c) whether Government propose to establish *some* regulatory authority to standardise the courses, fees, examination procedures etc. for private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Government is aware that a large number of private institutes have been set up in the country in the area *of* computer education and training. The fees charged depend *on* the nature of the course and the demand in the market.

(c) There is at present no such proposal *under* consideration of the Government. However, there is a voluntary scheme, DOEACC under the Ministry of Information Technology for generating quality manpower in Information Technology by utilizing the expertise and infrastructure available with non-formal sector. Under the Scheme, there are four levels of Computer Courses:

'O' Level - Foundation Level,

'A' Level ♦ Advanced

Diploma Level

'B' Level - M.C.A. Level

«C Level - M. Tech

Level

(d) Does not arise.

Job Opportunities for Indian in Foreign Countries

† 2721. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment opportunities in foreign countries have declines for Indian labour who seek employment in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step so far to increase employment opportunities in foreign countries; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.