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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. The Quality of Service (QoS) being provided by both Basic and Mobile Operators has not stabilized yet. Many of Basic and Mobile Operators are yet to meet the benchmarks for some of the performance parameters laid down in the QoS regulation of TRAI.

(b) As a number of Basic and Mobile Service Operators were yet to meet the benchmarks laid down in the Quality of Service regulation, TRAI called Senior Management of the Service Providers for a meeting and urged them to bridge the shortfall in the performance of their companies *vis-a-vis* prescribed benchmarks for various QoS parameters.

(c) and (d) Certain amendments to TRAI Act, 1997 as proposed by TRAI are under consideration of the Government.

Investment in Finland

969. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Finland is requesting Indian IT software firms to invest and set up a base in Finland and they are offering 50 per cent of the labour and equipment costs of the companies which set up a base in Finland.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of software professionals from India that would get employment opportunity;

(c) whether Government would get any benefit by investing in Finland;
and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the source of National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) of India, Finland has prioritized India for partnership and investment in IT Software sector. As part of the promotion, the Government of Finland has set up a fund to invest in technology companies which have set up a base in the country. Invest in Finland — a Ministry of

Trade and Industry funded agency is assisting Indian companies to set up base in Finland.

Finland already houses a number of Indian IT companies, such as

- TCS
- Wipro
- Blue Star Infotech
- Zensar Technologies and —
Tooltech

Telecommunication, mobile and wireless solutions, embedded software, data and mobile security are seen as the upcoming opportunities for Indian companies.

The domestic market of Finland presents a USD 5.5 billion opportunity to the companies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) By setting up commercial presence in Finland, the Indian companies hope to leverage on easy access to European, Nordic, Russian, and Baltic markets, skilled manpower and superior infrastructure.

It would help Indian companies to become global players, acquire more wealth and contribute to the economic development of India.

The world competitiveness year book 2004 by the International Institute for Management Development (NMD) has ranked Finland second, behind India, in terms of qualified engineers.

Objectives of the National Advisory Board

970. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up the National Advisory Board on information security and assurance;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the National Advisory Board;

(c) the constitution of the National Advisory Board; and

(d) in which manner, the Board plug the loopholes in the existing legislation, various aspects of information security, **global** standards, etc.?