

Decline of Indian technology – Manmohan Singh sheds crocodile tears

Addressing the 99th Indian Science Congress at Bhubaneswar on 03.01.2012, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has stated that India's Research and Development (R&D) activities have declined during the past decades. He has also stated that countries like China have overtaken India in the field of R&D.

This confession by the Prime Minister is 100% true. The telecom R&D organization C-DOT is a classic example for this. C-DOT created a revolution in India by introducing electronic switches that work without air conditioning. As a result of this, electronic telephone exchanges came up in all the nooks and corners of India. This is the result of the tireless research work done by the C-DOT engineers. Had the govt. properly aided the C-DOT, the Indian technology in telecom industry, would have grown many folds by this time. But the government intentionally killed C-DOT, by not providing required funds.

This move by the government was not accidental, but a well calculated move to favour the Multi National Companies. By killing the C-DOT, the government has enabled the MNCs like Nokia, Motorola, Siemens etc. to freely sell their products in India. In fact, India has become a very good market for these MNCs.

Today Manmohan Singh is shedding crocodile tears for Indian technology. What has happened in India is nothing but the implementation of the policies of "Liberalisation" and "Globalisation". World Bank and World Trade Organisation (WTO) dictated these policies and Manmohan Singh, as Finance Minister, started implementing them in India since 1991. After becoming the Prime Minister of the country in 2004, the same Manmohan Singh is persuing the policies of Globalisation and Liberalisation more vigorously.

But what happened in China was a different story. When MNCs like Nokia went to China, the Chinese government put a condition. What is that condition? The MNCs will be allowed to do business in China, but they should transfer their technology to the Chinese companies. Thus, the MNCs were compelled to transfer their technology to the Chinese companies. Taking technology from the MNCs, the Chinese companies did further R&D. As a result, Chinese Telecom companies like Hua Wei and ZTE have become telecom equipment manufacturing giants today and are doing business all over the world. This is how China has over taken India in the field of technology. Will Manmohan Singh learn lesson from China?
