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### Kolkata has the tradition of producing best talent for the IT industry. What are your views on the talent available in the State?

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### What kind of a role do you envisage for IT bodies like TiE, NASSCOM, and others to promote Bengal as a favourable IT destination in the country?

These bodies have a significant role to play in promoting Bengal. Many other states don't necessarily need their active support anymore but Bengal does.

### How do you foresee the future of the IT sector in Bengal?

Bright in the medium to long term. Once the overall market conditions pick up (and there are already signs of that), Bengal should get back on its growth trajectory.

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