

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 880**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.02.2018

**JOB CUTS IN IT SECTOR**

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Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

- (a) whether the Government has taken a serious note of the recent layoffs and job cuts by major IT companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on this issue;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the management of the IT companies are engaging bouncers and counsellors to threaten their laid off employees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to protect the jobs and lives of the IT employees?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): No such matter has been reported to the ministry. The IT sector is expected to continue to be a net hirer in FY 2017-18, also.

(c) and (d): No such matter has been reported to the ministry.

(e): The industry, both globally and in India, is witnessing unprecedented technology driven changes. These demand new sets of skills and are opening opportunities for newer job roles. The stakeholders covering industry, academia and Sector Skills Councils are working to ensure that the existing workforce is re-skilled/up-skilled in emerging technologies and job roles. Most companies (large, medium & small) are also implementing rigorous training programs to re-skill/up-skill their existing employees in new and emerging technologies. According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the industry continues to be a net hirer and employs nearly 3.9 million people in FY 2016-17, an addition of over 170,000 people over FY 2015-16. Industry is expected to add 130,000 to 150,000 jobs in FY 2017-18.

In addition, various skilling/training initiatives have been taken under the aegis of MeitY to enhance the skill of IT workforce and improve its employability in the manufacturing & service sectors of electronics and IT industry. The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), the autonomous societies of MeitY, offer both short and long term, industry specific courses. Further, other organizations / attached offices of Meity such as ERNET India,

Media Lab Asia, CSC E-Governance Services India Limited, STQC and NIC are also engaged in training of various stakeholders in small numbers.

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