

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN IT SECTOR

2955. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that after demonetisation of currency notes and implementation of GST, there is slow digitisation and job losses in the IT sector;
- (b) if so, the corrective steps being taken by Government to provide jobs in the IT sector;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the IT sector has made a plan for providing employment to 40 lakh persons on an average annually; and
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard and the current status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): There is no indication of job losses due to demonetization of currency notes and implementation of GST (Goods & Services Tax). On the contrary, GST is expected to create more IT jobs as it is digital by default i.e. it requires digital return filing, maintaining digital records etc. According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the IT-ITeS industry is estimated to directly employ around 39 lakh people, an addition of around 175,000 people over the year 2016. In addition, indirect employment is 1-1.2 crore (~2.5-3 times of direct employment). Employment of around 6 lakh professionals has been made in the IT sector in the last three years. It is estimated that the industry will remain a net hirer in FY 2017-18. The trend over last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Number of Total employees	Net addition during the year
FY2014-15	3,485,000	217,000
FY2015-16	3,688,000	203,000
FY2016-17	3,863,000	175,000

Source: NASSCOM

According to NASSCOM, the skills profile is set to undergo a rapid change as demand for skills around new and emerging digital technologies grows exponentially. Technologies such

as advanced robotics and automation are changing the job roles significantly across industries.
