

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOB CUTS AND LAYOFFS IN IT COMPANIES

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a serious note of job cuts and layoffs effected by major IT companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand thereon;
- (c) whether the management of some IT companies were engaging bouncers, counsellors to threaten the employees deprived of their jobs due to job cuts or layoffs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total number of job cuts and layoffs effected by IT majors in the last six months; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to protect the job interests and life of IT employees?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a) to (d): No such matter has been reported to the ministry. The IT sector is expected to continue to be a net hirer in this fiscal.

(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.
