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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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LOSING OF JOBS BY IT ENGINEERS

733. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about two lakh IT engineers are going to lose jobs annually in the next three years;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) if not, the views of Government on this issue?

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b) and (c): According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the industry is estimated to employ around 1,70,000 people during the FY 2016-17, taking the total number of employees in IT-ITeS industry to nearly 39 lakh people currently. The IT-ITeS industry will remain a net hirer in FY 2017-18 and is expected to add 130,000 to 150,000 jobs in the year. There is a continuing gentle deceleration in net hiring growth rate (but with a growing base) as industry focuses on innovation, enhanced efficiencies and lower attrition. Companies are re-aligning and re-adjusting themselves to the changing business scenarios and adjusting their workforce accordingly. Additionally, technologies such as advanced robotics and automation are changing job roles and profiles drastically, across industries as well as causing extinction of certain existing job profiles. The trend over the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Number of Total employees	Net addition during the year	Growth in Total employees
FY2014-15	3,485,000	217,000	7%
FY2015-16	3,688,000	203,000	6%
FY2016-17	3863,000	175,000	5%

Source: NASSCOM
