

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2321**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2017

**LOSS OF JOBS IN IT SECTOR**

**2321. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE::**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of techies are under serious depression in fear of losing jobs in the IT industry;
- (b) whether there are job losses in the IT industry in the last two years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to enhance the jobs in the IT sector?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): No, Sir. According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), there is no information on number of techies under serious depression in fear of losing jobs in the IT industry.

(b) and (c): According to NASSCOM, the IT-ITeS industry is estimated to directly employ nearly 39 lakh people, an addition of around 175,000 people over the year FY 2016-17. In addition, indirect employment is around 1-1.2 crore. The IT industry will remain a major net hirer in FY 2017-18. According to NASSCOM survey, around 6 lakh employments have been made in the IT sector in the last three years. IT Industry is expected to add 130,000 to 150,000 jobs in FY 2017-18. The trend over the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Total employees	Net addition over the previous year
FY2014-15	34,85,000	2,17,000
FY2015-16	36,88,000	2,03,000
FY2016-17	38,63,000	1,75,000

*Source:*

NASSCOM

Technological changes with time and workforce re-alignment is routine exercise in any industry which impacts only 0.5-3% of the overall IT talent pool. Technologies such as advanced robotics and automation are changing job roles and profiles significantly across industries. According to NASSCOM, the skills profile is set to undergo a rapid change as

demand for skills around digital technologies grows exponentially. It is believed that technology adoption will lead to more job creation across sectors in the long run.

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