

Decline in job opportunities in IT sector

3032. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in job opportunities in IT sector during 2013-2015, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether it is anticipated that there will be more decline in jobs pertaining to IT sector in near future, if so, the details of plans of Government in this regard and reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the share of IT sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country; and

(d) the measures being adopted by Government to arrest the decline in job environment of the IT sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The direct employment in Information Technology (IT) and IT Enable Services (ITES) sector has increased from 32.6 lakhs in 2013-14 to 34.8 lakhs in 2014-15 with a net addition of over 2.0 lakhs employees. Further, the total employment by IT-ITES sector is estimated to reach 36.8 lakhs in year 2015-16. The technology automation has not replaced labour, but improved productivity and provided workers the time to focus on other tasks involving complex decision making and social interactions. Rather, the adoption of new technology creates jobs, increases productivity, and increasing the demand for skilled labour. The share of IT sector in India's GDP is about 9.3%. Over the next decade, Indian IT-ITES industry would continue to create jobs.

Investment proposals for setting up FPIs in Maharashtra

3033. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several foreign and private investment proposals have been approved for setting up of food processing units in the country, particularly in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the impact of such investment on domestic food processing industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) Food processing units are setup in the country including