

**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

in Maharashtra, after due approvals of foreign and private investment proposals in the food processing sector.

The details of food processing units in the country including Maharashtra are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) The Gross Value Added by food processing units, including the units in the registered sector, grew by 5.78% in 2014-15 over 2013-14.

***Statement***

*State-wise estimated number of factories in food processing sector for 2013-14*

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Number of registered units
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,739
2.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5
3.	Assam	1,294
4.	Bihar	794
5.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	19
6.	Chhattisgarh	1,049
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3
8.	Daman and Diu	31
9.	Delhi	166
10.	Goa	86
11.	Gujarat	1,904
12.	Haryana	631
13.	Himachal Pradesh	172
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	144
15.	Jharkhand	198
16.	Karnataka	2,033
17.	Kerala	1,460
18.	Madhya Pradesh	672
19.	Maharashtra	3,040
20.	Manipur	21
21.	Meghalaya	18

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Number of registered units
22.	Nagaland	15
23.	Odisha	932
24.	Puducherry	69
25.	Punjab	2,786
26.	Rajasthan	862
27.	Sikkim	21
28.	Tamil Nadu	5,204
29.	Telangana	3,850
30.	Tripura	71
31.	Uttar Pradesh	2,037
32.	Uttarakhand	380
33.	West Bengal	1,739
TOTAL		37,445

Source: Annual Survey of Industries, 2013-14

#### **Initiative for expansion of food processing sector**

3034. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government in food processing sector in the country since 2014-15;

(b) the details of financial assistance extended by Government to this sector, State-wise; and

(c) how far this sector has been able to utilise them in expanding production of processed food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a number of Central Sector Schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country, namely Scheme for Mega Food Parks, Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, Scheme for Setting