

where 265 organisations from different States and sectors such as Finance, Defence, Power, Telecom, Transport, Energy, Space, IT/ITeS, etc. participated.

- (viii) CERT-In conducts regular training programmes for network/system administrators and Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) of Government and critical sector organisations regarding securing the IT infrastructure and mitigating cyber attacks. 23 trainings covering 692 participants conducted in the year 2019.
- (ix) Government has launched the Cyber Swachhta Kendra (Botnet Cleaning and Malware Analysis Centre). The centre is providing detection of malicious programs and free tools to remove the same.
- (x) Government has set up National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC) to generate necessary situational awareness of existing and potential cyber security threats and enable timely information sharing for proactive, preventive and protective actions by individual entities. Phase-I of NCCC has been made operational.

Shut down of IT firms in Jammu and Kashmir

1635. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reports stating that IT firms in Jammu and Kashmir are on the verge of shutting down in the aftermath of abrogation of Article 370 are true;
- (b) whether Government has provided these firms with any monetary compensation for loss of business during lockdown period or/and any financial aid to survive until the restrictions are lifted;
- (c) if so, details thereof including number of firms and amount provided to each;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has provided any alternative for the youth employed in said firms; and
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) According

to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, no IT company has applied for closure since abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Job opportunities for engineering graduates

1636. SHRI P. WILSON: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create job opportunities by the IT Department for engineering graduates who have acquired BE degree in Electronics and Information Technology and remain unemployed; and

(b) whether the Department is providing any financial support for these engineering graduates for establishing their own industries by way of self employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal. However, Government has notified National Policy on Software Products (NPSP-2019) on 28th February, 2019 with a vision to create robust Indian Software Products development ecosystem leading to 10-fold increase in India's share of Global Software Products market and to nurture 10,000 technology start-ups in software product industry and generating direct and in-direct employment for 3.5 million people by 2025.

Government also launched Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) to support software product ecosystem by identifying and supporting 300 start-ups working towards solutions/ outstanding software products for futuristic problems/ emerging ICT technologies/ Societal problems and to promote identified start-ups through technical, financial and mentoring support for 11 Tier 2/3 cities based incubation facilities of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI). Further, Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE 2.0) Scheme is being implemented to promote tech entrepreneurship through financial and technical support to incubators engaged in supporting ICT start-ups using emerging technologies such as IoT, AI, Block-chain, Robotics etc. in seven pre-identified areas of societal relevance. The Scheme is being implemented by supporting 51 incubators of which 41 incubators are approved, eventually leading to handholding of approximately 2000 tech start-ups over a period of five years.