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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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LAYOFF OF INDIAN PROFESSIONALS BY US FIRMS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has the details regarding the number of Indian IT professionals in the United States who lost their jobs due to a series of layoffs in the past one year; If so, the details thereof:

(b) whether Government had any consultation with the US government regarding this issue, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans in motion to ensure the re-employment of such IT professionals, either in the US or in India, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government is aware of the issue of professionals having been laid off by US companies in recent months. Of these, a certain percentage is likely to be Indian nationals on H-1B and L1 visas.

Government of India has consistently raised issues relating to the movement of high skilled workers, including IT professionals, with the US Government. It has also been working with various stakeholders including industry organizations and business chambers on these issues.
