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Title: Need to look in to the retirement of IT Sector employees in the country.

**SHRI T. R. BAALU (SRIPERUMBUDUR):** Sir, in a recent statement, my leader, Dr. M.K. Stalin has pleaded with the Government of India to see the plight of engineers, scientists and IT graduates. They have applied for 549 posts of Scavengers in Coimbatore Municipality recently.

The IT sector is the largest employer which has accommodated four million employees directly, and indirectly it employs 10 million employees. So, 14 million employees are earning their livelihood. In 2017-18, the export was at the level of 126 billion dollars. In 2018-19, it was 137 billion dollars. The growth of IT sector has grown to the extent of 181 billion dollars. It is a very important industry. Is it not necessary for the Government of India to come forward and see that proper solace is given to the IT sector people as well as IT graduates?

Now what is happening is that in Cognizant Technology layoffs are going on. About 13000 employees are going to lose their jobs. In Infosys, 12000 employees are going to lose their jobs. So lay offs are going on day-by-day. It is reported that within a quarter, 40,000 IT employees would lose their jobs ...(*Interruptions*). Sir, this is not fair. It is because of my friend's mistake, I should not be punished like this. You asked me to stand up and speak. I stood up but there was no mike. So, I could not speak initially. That is why, you have punished me for half-an-hour to one hour.

I can only prevail upon your goodself to direct the Government of India for giving some solace to the IT sector because it is contributing to the development of this country and at the same time it is contributing to our GDP growth. Now the GDP has come down to the level of 4.5 per cent from 8 per cent. Yesterday, the House discussed this matter. My only request is to kindly ask the Government of India to bring out a White Paper on this issue so that the House can discuss this matter threadbare.

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