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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN IT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of students studying IT and related subjects and the number out of them absorbed in jobs;

(b) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make IT and related services field more employment oriented; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure the participation of the unemployed youths of the rural and remote rural areas in the field of information technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): The maximum sanctioned intake of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved degree and diploma courses in Computer Science and Information Technology for the academic session 2004-05 is 1,40,112 and 36,347 respectively and the number of IT professionals entering the workforce is about 94,000 during 2004-05.

(b) and (c): The steps taken by Government to make IT and related services field more employment oriented are:

- Several fiscal measures to attract foreign direct investment, cut in peak rate of custom duty, 0% excise duty on computers, tax holidays under Income Tax Act, incentives to induce more investment for R&D activities, setting up of Special Economic Zones, Software Technology Parks, Biotechnology Parks etc.

- Courses on IT Enabled Services(ITeS) / Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) have been introduced in the North East region and in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

- Information Security Education and Awareness Programme to develop skilled manpower in the area of information security has also been initiated.

- Government has also set up Community Information Centres

(CICs) in the hilly and far flung areas of the country for social economic development of these regions.

- There is a plan to facilitate establishment of Common Service Centres (CSCs) in the rural areas across the country. Guidelines have been prepared to promote establishment of CSCs through appropriate public private partnerships.

- The All India Board of Information Technology (AIB-TE) have been constituted to formulate model course curriculum keeping in view the requirements of IT industry which is reviewed from time to time.