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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has revealed that seventy five per cent engineering students in the sector are not getting employment/unemployable in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted a working group to examine the issues raised by the NASSCOM in this regard;
- (d) if so the details thereof and the main recommendations of the said groups; and
- (e) the follow up action taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (e): NASSCOM has indicated, 'the current average employability rate of students who apply for positions in the IT / ITES is 25%. This implies that 25% of the engineering applicants (for jobs) are found suitable for further training to become productive. However, it is incorrect to conclude that the remaining 75% of the applicants are unsuitable elsewhere (in other industry verticals), for the purpose of employment'.

Department of Information Technology (DIT) is implementing various projects aimed at creating course contents, training mentors and quality faculties and skilled graduates in the Information Technology sector at various locations across India with a view to increasing the employability of students.

Department of Information Technology had constituted a Working Group on Human Resource Development in Information Technology with the main objective to evolve long-term HR strategies and suitable approach for significantly increasing the number of well-trained professionals in line with economic projections, for various Information, Electronics & Communications Technology (IECT) and related areas. This Working Group has a representative of NASSCOM as a Member. The views of NASSCOM are incorporated while finalizing the recommendations of the Working Group.

The Working Group had considered and recommended Detailed Project Reports for Skill Development initiatives to train 10 million persons by 2022 in the area of IECT. This is as a part of the National Policy on Skill Development, wherein the target of training 10 million persons is specific to Department of Information Technology.