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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION BY IT COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian IT companies have generated one lakh employment in the USA so far by doubling employment opportunities during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the units of said industry has generated employment at the average rate in India during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the said variation in employment generation; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. As per the National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM), it is estimated that direct workforce employed by the Indian IT-BPO companies in the US has doubled from 58,000 in Financial Year 2006 to 1,07,000 in Financial Year 2011.
- (c) and (d): The said industry has generated employment in India at a faster rate than that in the US from 8,70,000 in Financial Year 2006 to 18,72,000 in Financial Year 2011 (excludes the above numbers).
- (e): Government has provided several incentives for IT Sector which include allowing duty free import of goods required by them for carrying on software export activities, excise exemption, CST reimbursement/exemption, Income Tax exemption and various fiscal concessions in Special Economic Zones (SEZs).