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Work-from-home a tough proposition for manufacturing, services sectors; experts fear job losses

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Even as India Inc implements work-from-home to counter the threat of Covid-19, large-scale implementation of the same across sectors such as manufacturing and services looks difficult. Industry experts are also anticipating job losses as a result of the ensuing economic slowdown.

According to senior HR consultants, while IT companies have some experience in enabling such practices, a majority of the industries in India are just not open to the idea of working from home as a culture.

“IT companies have the necessary systems and security features in place that allow employees to opt for remote working. Usually they may be having 20-30 per cent of their employees working from home at any point in time. Now it could be well over 90 per

cent. But implementing the same for services and manufacturing companies would be very difficult," RP Yadav, CMD, Genius Consultants, told BusinessLine.