

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO INTERNET ACCOUNT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the problem of increasing unauthorised access to one`s Internet account;
- (b) if so, whether any new technology is proposed to be developed to address the problem of unauthorised access and to provide new security system to lock E-mail;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): Servers are protected using internet firewalls which prevent unauthorised access of the internet accounts. Access to one`s internet account is through password authentication. Appropriate selection, secure maintenance and timely alteration of passwords are measures advised to the users to prevent unauthorised access to their account. Locking of E-mail is done through password authentication while retrieving e-mails.