

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PHALGUNA SAKA CYBER ATTACKS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of cyber attacks and cyber crimes are on the rise in the country including cyber attacks on sensitive Government offices by hackers from abroad;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases reported/complaints received, the Government offices which faced such cyber attacks during each of the last three years and the current year, crime-wise, along with the details of the countries from which such cyber attacks are being carried out against the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to augment the State and Central security establishment in the country and raise a special police force to tackle rising cyber crimes/attacks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to safeguard sensitive Government offices from cyber attacks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, A total number of 31,93, 177 and 32 cyber incidents pertaining to (website defacement, website compromise and malware propagation) have been reported during the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 (till 31 January) respectively in the various government offices. These attacks have been observed to be coming from the computers installed in a number of foreign countries.

(c) & (d): Cyber crime cells have been set up by State Police. Central Bureau of Investigation has also set up cyber crime cell. These cells investigate cyber crime cases and help respective police organizations in implementation of laws addressing cyber crime.

(e): The Government has taken several remedial measures in regard to preventing hacking and enhancing the cyber security of information technology infrastructure in the country including formulation of Crisis Management Plan for countering cyber attacks and cyber terrorism, implementation of practices based on International Standard ISO 27001. Besides CERT-In under DIT has been set up for creating awareness about cyber security and CERT-In (Computer Emergency Response Team) conducts training programme relating to cyber security. It performs both proactive and reactive roles.