

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HACKING OF SECURITY INFORMATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to deal with the hackers which have allegedly stolen vital security data recently from the Indian defence networks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to coordinate with national cyber agencies to deal with such hackers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any cyber security policy in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a): The report of hacking Indian Defence Networks put up by a group of researchers at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada was analysed thoroughly. It was ascertained that certain internet facing computers were compromised by the hackers which had no sensitive defence data.
- (b): To mitigate such incidents from recurring in the future, organizations under Ministry of Defence have worked out a Crisis Management Plan for measured response in case of any untoward incident.
- (c) & (d): Defence Information Assurance and Research Agency (DIARA), a nodal agency mandated to deal with all cyber security related issues of Tri Services and Ministry of Defence is having a close coordination with national agencies like Computer Emergency Response Team – India (CERT-In) and National Training Research Organisation (NTRO).
- (e) & (f): Specific Cyber Security Policies have been devised at all levels. Services Headquarters have an Information Security Policy and their networks are audited as per the guidelines.