

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CYBER ATTACK

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foreign hackers have hacked websites of some sensitive institutions of the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the security measures taken by the Government to prevent such cyber attack on Government websites;
- (d) whether the website of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was also hacked by Pakistani hackers;
- (e) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

- (a)and (b): The website of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was defaced by a foreign hacker "Pakistan Cyber Army" on 03.12.2010. In addition to this a total of 198 Government websites were defaced by foreign hackers in the past 6 months.
- (c): The Government has taken several measures to detect and prevent cyber attacks. These are:
- (i) All the new government websites and applications will be audited with respect to cyber security prior to their hosting. The auditing of the websites and applications will be conducted on a regular basis after hosting also.
 - (ii) National Informatics Centre (NIC) which hosts the government websites is continuously engaged in upgrading and improving the security posture of its hosting infrastructure.
 - (iii) The Information Technology Act has been amended to address the issues connected with hacking and security breaches of Information technology infrastructure.
 - (iv) The infrastructure at Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has been upgraded to respond and mitigate cyber incidents.
 - (v) All the Ministries/ Departments of Central Government and State Governments are implementing the Crisis Management Plan to counter cyber attacks and cyber terrorism.
- (d): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) website (www.cbi.gov.in) was defaced by a hacker group "Pakistan Cyber Army" on 3.12.2010.
- (e): The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case under Case No. RC CY 1 2010 E 0009. The Letters Rogatory (LR) is being sent by Central Bureau of Investigation in this regard.
- (f): Does not arise.