

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ONLINE LOTTERY FRAUDS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a number of persons in the country are being duped by fraud lottery offers through the internet;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last one year alongwith the amount involved therein;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to contain and punish such cyber crime fraudsters;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any public awareness campaign against such frauds in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Few complaints have been received against the running of Online Lotteries in some States.

(c) to (e): The Govt. of India formulated the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 which laid down the conditions subject to which State Governments shall organize, conduct or promote a lottery. Although the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 does not make specific mention about online lotteries but as per the opinion of the Ministry of Law the definition of lottery under the Act is wide enough to cover all forms including online lotteries in which a lottery is organized. The Govt. of India has also notified the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010 on 1.4.2010 for organizing the paper lottery or online lottery or both subject to the conditions specified in the Act and Rules in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Finance and the State Governments. The Govt. of India has also issued Model Agreement to be signed between the State Governments and the Agents to strengthen the States in regulating the lottery business on 28.12.2011 to all the States and UTs. Few individuals have made complaints against the running of online lotteries in some states, but the amount involved therein is not readily available.