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HACKING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognisance that the Chinese hackers have broken into sensitive naval computer system in and around Visakhapatnam, the headquarter of the Eastern Naval Command and planted bugs that relayed confidential data to IP addresses in China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted a thorough probe into the incident as to how Chinese hackers have entered the Navy computers and breached security;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the defence computers are completely safe and leakages are plugged?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Hacking is a constant and real threat worldwide in the cyber domain. There were intelligence reports in November 2011 about probable compromise of computers of Eastern Naval Command based in Visakhapatnam. The matter has been investigated and appropriate steps have been taken to strengthen security of network.