

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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HACKING OF COMPUTER NETWORK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some online espionage agents of neighbouring countries are continuously trying to hack the Indian Computer System and their intelligence agencies have tried to steal defence secrets through use of Computer Storage Media (CSM);
- (b) if so, whether some intelligence officers of the said countries are working in Indian defence system as per the Intelligence Bureau;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has done thorough review of entire policy on the entitlement and usage of CSM devices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the last 2-3 years, online cyber attacks against the country's vital and sensitive organizations, including Defence organizations, have come to notice, which also involves usage of Computer Storage Media (CSM). As per the Intelligence Bureau (IB), no officer of foreign intelligence agencies is reported to be working in Indian defence system.

(c) & (d): Suitable directives to ensure Information Security are already in place and have been reiterated to all concerned for strict compliance. However, disclosure of details would not be appropriate in national interest.