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CYBER SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that cyber crime is becoming a major threat to national security and armed forces are bracing to cope with the challenge;
- (b) whether pen drive has been used in 70 percent incidents of hacking of information and is proving to be great threat;
- (c) whether a large number of computers and communication systems of leading companies which are assembled in China have been procured by the defence forces in the past few years;
- (d) if so, whether such computers and communication systems are not safe and Chinese have access to such equipment; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps Government proposes to take to check cyber crime and other leakages in defence forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Usage of pen drive on Internet computers has been banned as a policy due to inherent security threat posed by pen drives.
- (c) & (d): Computers and communication systems in Ministry of Defence are procured from recognized Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) / Companies as per the procurement procedures of the Government.
- (e) A Cyber Security Policy 2008 issued by the Ministry of Defence is under implementation, which inter-alia, includes continuous awareness campaign, audit of networks, strengthening of cyber security activities and maintaining of air gaps. Cyber security issues are also coordinated by National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) at the national level.