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

- (a) whether cell phone viruses are spreading in various countries and it is likely to affect India soon;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of cell phone subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (c) Modern days telecom equipment including mobile/cell phones are susceptible to vulnerabilities, if connected to internet or any other infected device. As and when some virus /malware related information is received, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under Department of Electronics & IT issues the necessary alerts/advisory.