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SECURITY OF CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government has organised a national meeting in December 2012 for its officials handling critical information infrastructure in States and at the Centre;
- (b) if so, the details outcome thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on the decisions at the meet;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to rope in private players in cyber security; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a)and(b): Yes, Sir. A meeting of Chief Information Security Officers of Central Public Sector Units as well as from the States was held on 17 Dec 2012 to provide exposure to them on the challenges to Critical Information Assets arising from cyber space. A Joint Working Group (JWG) involving academia and industry was formed to draw guidelines for protection in line with international best practices.

(c): In line with the task assigned, the JWG has held several meetings and also initiated actions to have meetings with sectoral stakeholders in respect of protection of critical information infrastructure.

(d) and (e): The Government has taken the initiative to engage with Private Sector to enhance cyber security. The Report of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Engagement with Private Sector on Cyber Security was released by National Security Advisor (NSA) on 15 October, 2012. The Report of the JWG sets out a 'Roadmap' for public-private partnership (PPP) on cyber security. The recommendations include setting up of an institutional framework for involvement of private sector, capacity-building in the area of cyber security, development of cyber security standards and assurance mechanisms and augmentation of testing & certification facilities for IT products. Pursuant to the above recommendations, a permanent Joint Working Group was set up on 29 November, 2012 and has commenced functioning.