

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
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CYBER SECURITY COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create sub- working groups to assess opportunities, institutions and mechanisms of cooperation with the European Union (EU) on cyber and telecom security and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes joint Research and Development (R&D) apart from partnership in 5G development programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is seeking investment in telecom test labs from foreign agencies and EU since they have better technical know-how, if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 FOR 4TH MARCH, 2015 REGARDING "CYBER SECURITY COOPERATION".

(a) & (b) India-EU Joint Working Group meetings were held on 14th and 15th January 2015 at New Delhi. As part of the ongoing engagements in international cooperation, in terms of assessing the opportunities, institutions and mechanisms of cooperation, the subjects of Cyber security, Telecom Security and R&D in telecommunications have been expressed as potential areas for cooperation in the deliberations with European Union. However, at present there is no proposal to create sub-working groups on these issues.

(c) As per Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy, 100% FDI in telecom manufacturing through direct route and 49% through direct route and thereafter up to 100% through FIPB route in telecom service sector is permissible from any country including member States of European Union (EU). However, no specific proposal has been received in respect of investment in telecom test labs so far.