

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:603

ANSWERED ON:08.05.2015

CYBER SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reports of defence networks being continuously attacked by cyber hackers and foreign intelligence agencies have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to have a permanent Cyber Command Centre to prevent such incidents and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the cyber security as well as physical security of defence personnel privy to such classified and sensitive information?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 603 FOR ANSWER ON 8.5.2015

(a) to (d): There are no reports of defence sector networks being attacked by cyber hackers and foreign intelligence agencies. However, cyber attacks are faced by internet connected Personal Computers (PCs) and these relate to unauthorized data access, denial of service, compromise of login credentials etc.

Government has taken a number of steps to protect confidential information pertaining to Defence sector from Cyber-attack including setting up of Cyber Operation Centres for threat management and mitigation as part of Framework for Enhancing Cyber Security of Indian Cyberspace. To protect important and confidential data from Cyber-attack, the operational networks of the Armed Forces are air gapped from internet. Further, Defence Services have established Cyber Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to prevent and react to cyber attacks. Safeguards have been instituted in the form of audits and physical checks. Policies, guidelines and procedures are laid down and cyber security advisories are issued from time to time.