GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1706 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023

CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST MSMEs

1706. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the 2023 India Threat Landscape Report by Cyfirma;
- (b) whether it is a fact that cyber attacks against small and medium enterprises saw an increase between 2021 to 2023, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to enumerate the total number of cyber attacks against MSMEs in the last five years;
- (d) the number of MSMEs that went out of business due to cyber attacks in the last five years; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to support MSMEs in building cybersecurity infrastructure and managing cyber risks?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (e): The number of MSMEs registered on the Udyam Portal as on 13.12.2023 is 3,19,25,851 including 5,86,309 as medium enterprises & 54,331 as small enterprises which comprises around 3 % on total MSME registration. Ministry has no information/ data on cyber attacks against MSMEs and also on the number of MSMEs that went out of business due to cyber attacks in the last five years. The Ministry may issue directives and same may be posted on the website of MSME requesting MSMEs to follow the instructions/ guidelines on cyber security issued by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) to safeguard against cyber attacks.
