GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.212 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016

BREACH IN CYBER SECURITY

*212. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH: SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cyber security of the websites of Indian Embassies and High Commissions in various countries have been breached in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the nature and extent of the breach;
- (c) whether any sensitive data has been compromised with and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures being taken to safeguard the sensitive data of Embassies and High Commissions; and
- (e) the steps taken to sensitise the staff and officials of Embassies and High Commissions in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 REGARDING "BREACH IN CYBER SECURITY" FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2016

(a) to (c) A few Indian Missions and Posts abroad have faced unauthorized intrusion of their respective websites. No sensitive data belonging to the Government of India was compromised.

(d) & (e) Cyber-security measures are being strengthened to safeguard the data contained in the websites. Instructions/guidelines have been reiterated to all Missions and Posts abroad.
