

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 795**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.12.2017

**INFORMATIVE DATA BREACHES**

**795      SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of informative data breaches in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the United Nations has also urged for data safety reform issues; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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(a) and (b) : With the innovation of technology and rise in usage of cyber space for businesses, cyber attacks are on the rise. Such cyber attacks target organisations and users to gain unauthorised access to data. Government is aware of such instances.

Government has taken measures for preventing informative data breaches and unauthorised access to data by enhancing the cyber security of information technology infrastructure in the country. These are:

- i) The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) issues security alerts, advisories and guidelines to prevent occurrence of cyber incidents and also conducts security workshops and training programs on regular basis to sensitize organisations about the cyber security threat landscape and enabling them to prepare and implement the cyber security measures in their organisation.
- ii) Cyber security mock drills are being conducted regularly by CERT-In to enable assessment of cyber security posture and preparedness of organizations in Government and critical sectors.

(c) and (d) : The issues of data protection and mapping of databases have found mention in the discussions at the United Nations Group of Government Experts (UNGGE) and at the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGCE) respectively. India has been actively participating in these Groups to help formulate global policies in this regard.

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