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CONCEPT PAPER ON DATA PROTECTION ACT

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYbe pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release a concept paper on its Data Protection Act;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard;
(c) whether the Government needs to define security standards and protocols in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far; and
(e) whether the Government organised any conference on Internet of Things (IoTs) and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (d): Government has set up a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) Shri B N Srikrishna to prepare a data protection framework and work out the Data Protection Bill. The Committee has prepared a White Paper on "Data Protection Framework for India" which has been published on Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) website soliciting public comments by 31.12.2017. The White Paper has sought public response and views on all relevant issues including security standards related to protection of personal data.

(e): No, Sir. Government has not organised any conference on Internet of Things (IoT). However, conferences were organised by ERNET India and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, both scientific societies under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The details are as follows:-

   (i)   In November 2016, ERNET India partnered with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to organise a conference on IoT in domains like Transportation, Smart Energy, Health and Manufacturing and also Swachh Bharat.
   (ii)   In July 2017, ERNET India and NASSCOM organised a conference on IoT in Health where many start-ups demonstrated IoT products in Healthcare.
   (iii) ERNET India and NASSCOM organised a conference on Telematics in August 2017, which showcased various products for auto tracking and deliberated on business value that can be brought in, into automobile sector.
   (iv)   ERNET India and CII organised a conference on IoT in Oil and Gas sector in October 2017. The conference brought out the concepts of Industry 4.0 in the sector and also showcased some of the best practices.

(v)   Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) organised UbiComp India 2017 with the theme `Internet of Things: Security by Design' in October 2017.

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