GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.268
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2018

CYBER ATTACKS ON DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS

*268. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE   j{kk ea=h
be pleased to state:

(a)   whether cyber crime has become one of the major threats for our national security;

(b)   if so, the details thereof along with the number of incidents of cyber attacks on defence establishments reported during the last three years and the current year;

(c)   whether sufficient steps have been taken by the Government and the armed forces to check cyber crime and ensure the safety of our classified information related to defence sector from cyber attacks; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE   (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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<u>**(a) to (d):**</u>   **A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 268 FOR ANSWER ON 14.3.2018

(a) to (d): Yes Madam, the overall threat to Cyber space has increased though no cyber attacks on defence establishments has been reported in the last three years and in the current year. There have been reports of individual / home PCs being targeted by malware / malicious software. Further, the classified information of the tri services are well guarded. To mitigate cyber threats all the three Services have established their respective Cyber Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Further, adequate safeguards have been instituted in the form of Cyber Audits, Physical Checks and Policy Guidelines to ensure a robust cyber posture of armed forces.

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