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CYBER SECURITY

573. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY

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

- (a) whether the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has signed cooperation pacts with its counterparts in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan for cyber security and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the CERT-In is the nodal agency responsible for dealing with cyber security threats and the said pacts will promote closer cooperation for exchange of knowledge and experience in detection resolution and prevention of security related incidents between India and the three countries and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the CERT-In to deal with cyber security threats so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia, Singapore and Japan on cooperation in the area of cyber security as follows :

- (i) MoU between CERT-In and Cyber Security Malaysia was signed on 23rd November 2015 with a validity period of 2 years.
- (ii) MoU between CERT-In and Singapore Computer Emergency Response Team (SingCERT) was signed on 24th November 2015 with a validity period of 2 years and was extended for a period of 5 years on 1st June 2018 with effect from 24th November 2017.
- (iii) MoU between CERT-In and Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center (JPCERT/CC) was signed on 7th December, 2015 with a validity period of 5 years.

(b): The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is the nodal agency for responding to cyber security incidents as per provisions of Section 70B of the Information Technology Act, 2000. As per the MoUs signed between CERT-In and counterpart agencies in Malaysia, Singapore and Japan, point of contacts are identified, face-to-face meetings and video/ tele-conferences are held periodically. Discussions are conducted on the operational activities and cyber security incident trends. Information on latest cyber threats and best practices to enhance cyber security are exchanged. CERT-In is also participating in the projects conducted by respective counterpart agencies. The cooperation is enabling timely detection and resolution of cyber security incidents affecting respective constituency and responding to emerging cyber threats.
