

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th November, 2019

CYBER SECURITY OF DEFENCE NETWORK

642. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a report of continuous attack on the defence networks by cyber hackers and foreign intelligence agencies has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years and the loss estimated so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish a permanent cyber command centre to prevent such incidents and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure cyber security along with the safety of defence personnel having such covert and sensitive information?

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) to (d): Attempts of cyber hacking and cyber attacks is an ongoing activity in cyber world. There has been no report of cyber attacks making significant damage on defence establishments during the recent years. Government has approved establishment of Defence Cyber Agency to control and coordinate the Joint Cyber operations. 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). 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.
