GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 436 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021

INDIAN MOBILE CONGRESS

436. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

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SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has organized the Indian Mobile Congress recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the main theme of the Congress;
- (c) the number of delegates who participated and issues deliberated in the said Congress;
- (d) the outcome of the issues deliberated;
- (e) whether as per the report of Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), the cyber attacks from China contribute to 35 per cent of total cyber attacks in the country, followed by US, Russia, Pakistan, Canada and Germany and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) along with Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) organized 4th Annual India Mobile Congress 2020 (MC 2020), a virtual event, held from 8th - 10th December, 2020. The theme of the event was "Inclusive Innovations - Smart, Secure, Sustainable".

- (c) & (d) Approximately, twenty-seven thousand national and international visitors, delegates participated virtually during the event. There were 170 exhibitors, out of which approximately 100 exhibitors showcased startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) products and solutions. The focus area for IMC 2020 was 5G and emerging technologies, 5G Use cases, network automation, smart enterprises, cloud/edge computing, Industry 4.0, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, etc. IMC encouraged the positioning of India as a global destination for the manufacturing of technology products.
- (e) There have been attempts of unauthorized access from time to time to the systems/devices connected to digital communication networks operating in cyber space of the country. These attempts have been observed to be originating from cyber space of various countries including China, USA, Russia, Pakistan, Canada, Germany and others.

The Government inter alia issues alerts & advisories regarding latest Cyber Threats/vulnerabilities and guidelines for Chief Information Security Officers (CISO). All the Government websites before hosting and at regular intervals are security audited. A crisis management plan for countering cyber attacks has been formulated. Cyber Security mock drills and regular training of CISO are conducted.
