GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4825 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021

IT EDUCATION TO OFFICIALS

4825. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is considering to educate its officials on internet ethics, cyber hygiene and best practices in the use of IT equipment, including mobile phones;
- (b) if so, whether many officials are already aware of these and other related practices but there are still a number of officials who are unware of the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of incidents have come to the notice of the Government regarding breaches in various IT applications as electronic working has got further proliferated; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4825 BY SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING IT EDUCATION TO OFFICIALS

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. Skill upgradation training and sensitisation on various aspects of internet and IT equipment usage is a continuous and on-going activity in the Railways. A special online training covering internet ethics, cyber hygiene, best practices in use of IT equipment and cyber security has also been organised for the officers and staff with the support of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a Government organisation under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.

(c)&(d): Advisories and alerts are received from various Central Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) cautioning against vulnerabilities and possible cyber breaches. During the year 2019-20, a total of 163 such advisories were received from LEAs and in the year 2020-21, a total of 540 advisories have been received till February 2021. These are suitably acted upon for preventing any break-down in the normal working.
