GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1452

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD MAY, 2016/ VAISAKHA 13, 1938 (SAKA)

ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

†1452. SHRI NITYANAND RAI: SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intelligence agency of Pakistan, ISI is spying on Indian security forces with the help of mobile Apps;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Pakistan's spy agency is making efforts to trap ex-servicemen in the garb of providing job opportunities and financial aid for spying;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to check such espionage activities in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, There are reports that Pakistan Intelligence Agencies are spying on Indian Security Forces by sending malwares in mobile apps such as Top Gun (Game App), mpjunkie (music App), vdjunky (video app), talking frog (entertainment App).

(c) & (d) Yes, Pakistan's spy agency was making efforts to trap exservicemen in the garb of providing job opportunities/ financial aid for

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spying. During the period 2013 – 2016 (till date), a total number of 07 exservicemen were arrested/ detected for espionage activities for Pakistan's spying agency.

(e) The Indian Security forces have been sensitized about Pakistan ISI using dubious applications on smartphones. Besides, the Government has circulated Computer Security Policy and Guidelines to all the Ministries / Departments on taking steps to prevent, detect and mitigate cyber attacks which includes sanitization of staff and officers, installations of CCTV and Biometric for electronic surveillance with well defined Crisis Management Plan for countering cyber attacks and cyber terrorism for implementation.

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