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(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

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MISLEADING JOB ADS ON WEBSITES

671 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that misleading employment notifications are frequently coming up in some websites about vacancies in Government departments and organisations, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any technique to track and verify the veracity of the advertisements and the website from where these misleading advertisements are put in the net, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps and measures being taken by the Government to book the website administrators and save the public from such maligning website administrators?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b) and (c): As per the information reported to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a total no. of 12 and 2 cyber security incidents involving misleading job ads for fake recruitment pretending to be from legitimate organizations in Government and Public sector were reported during the year 2015 and 2016 (till March) respectively. Such incidents are reported by affected organizations, users and Law Enforcement agencies. In order to resolve such incidents, CERT-In examines the details and coordinates response actions with concerned hosting and service providers for disabling the fake information and obtaining relevant details for facilitating further investigation by the Law Enforcement agencies. Further, the affected organisations are advised to create awareness among users regarding such fraudulent activities.
