

Hacking of Indian computers

†319. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Chinese hacker has hacked the data from the computers installed at some leading departments and offices for some key authorities including Prime Minister's Office;

(b) whether some important e-mail accounts have also been hacked;

(c) if so, when these incidents took place;

(d) whether earlier too data from computers of Indian embassies, had been hacked by Chinese hackers; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Reports on Indian cooperation in Afghanistan

†320. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees with American General Stanley Mac Crystal's report regarding Indian co-operation in Afghanistan;

(b) whether assessment has been made regarding Pakistan's possible reactions on India's role in Afghanistan; and

(c) whether any strategy has been formulated with regard to enhanced American assistance being used against India on the pretext of using it against Taliban?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) India is a neighbour of Afghanistan, and a fellow member of SAARC. It is assisting the reconstruction and development efforts of the Government and people of Afghanistan as part of the endeavour to bring about stability in that country. Our projects in Afghanistan are Afghan-led and Afghan-driven, and are aimed at building up local capacity. The situation in Afghanistan is of direct concern to India, since we have an abiding interest in the stability and prosperity of that country and since we are directly impacted by developments in that region. India does not see assistance in Afghanistan's reconstruction as being a zero-sum game. Our assistance programme in Afghanistan has earned us goodwill among the ordinary people there, cutting across the ethnic and geographic divides, which is

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