

Hacking of Government websites

†702. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ever increasing incidents of hacking of website of Government Departments, Ministries and other important offices are Government's failure with regard to cyber security;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, Government's view with regard to incidents of hacking of websites of National Security Guard (NSG) and some other Government Departments in the recent past; and

(d) the details of foolproof arrangements with Government to check the crime of hacking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) Any internet linked computer resource, system or network is vulnerable to unauthorized or clandestine or surreptitious intrusion even in the face of implementing best possible security practices. Reasons that can be attributed to this are known or unknown vulnerabilities that may exist at the level of Operating System, Software and firmware deployed in the connected devices/components available in a computer resource, system or network. The official website of NSG was partially defaced by unknown hackers on 1st January, 2017. It was blocked immediately after detection of hacking.

(d) The Government has taken various measures which, *inter alia*, include mandating all Government websites to be hosted on infrastructure of National Informatics Centre (NIC) or any other secured Government infrastructure in the country; auditing of the Government websites; tracking of hacking activities and issue of alerts and advisories by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In); formulation of a Cyber Crisis Management Plan (CCMP) for countering cyber-attacks for implementation by all Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments and their Organizations and Critical Sectors etc.

Poor quality of food served to BSF troops

703. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poor quality of food is being served to Border Security Force (BSF) troops in forward areas, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir; and

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