

**Appointment of security professionals at
National Informatics Centre**

2332. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated a process to accelerate the appointment of more than 350 security professionals at the National Informatics Centre (NIC), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the requirement of 355 posts was examined by a committee way back in 2009 and the same was approved in 2013; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in appointing these security professionals at the NIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal for creation of 355 posts was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CSS) during the year 2013 as part of the approval for Framework for Enhancing Cyber Security. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has approved the proposal for creation of 355 posts in NIC during the month of June, 2017.

(c) Necessary action for appointment of 355 security professionals has already been initiated.

Hacking of Government websites

2333. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 700 Government websites have been hacked over the last four years;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning on upgrading its digital interface and making it more secure; and

(c) in what manner Government plans to make websites less hack prone and also save data leakages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY): (a) Currently about 8000