

(d) the stringent steps and legal proposals of Government to maintain the customer privacy?

THE MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has not received any specific complaint pertaining to data theft and misuse of mails with breach of privacy.

(c) and (d) Government had constituted a committee of expert on data protection, chaired by Justice (Retd) B. N. Srikrishna, Supreme Court of India to study various issues relating to data protection and come out with Data Protection Bill. The said committee has brought out a draft Personal Data Protection Bill (PDPB). Wide ranging consultations have been conducted on the recommendations of the committee with a view to finalizing the draft legislation.

Forced conversion of Hindu girls in Pakistan

1449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of reports regarding abduction of Hindu girls in Pakistan and their forced conversion to Islam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) to (c) The Government, from time to time, has come across reports of problems being faced by members of minority communities, including abduction and forced conversion of Hindu girls in Pakistan. Earlier this year, there have been reports of two minor Hindu sisters, and two other Hindu girls from the Sindh province of Pakistan having been abducted and forcibly converted to Islam. There are many such other cases which are not reported in the local newspapers or media. The Government had shared grave concerns on these deplorable incidents of abduction and forced conversion with the Pakistan side and the latter was asked to take urgent suitable remedial action and fulfill its constitutional obligations to protect and promote the safety, security and welfare of its citizens, especially those from the minority communities.