

### Need for strengthening cyber security

DR. NARENDRA JADHAV (Nominated): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for this opportunity to speak. Sir, I would like to invite the attention of this august House to a very serious problem. Cyber terrorism or cyber attacks on critical informational infrastructure is a matter of grave concern. Critical information infrastructure typically includes those facilities, those systems, those functions, whose incapacity or destruction can weaken the national security, governance, economy and overall well-being of the country. Sir, cyber attacks on CII can lead to huge financial loss, can cause huge environmental damage and pose a threat to defence security and integrity of the country.

Sir, the recent cyber attacks on Mumbai's power grid is a reminder of the vulnerability of India's key installations. As reported in the international media, a hacker group called Red Echo--one can guess the country of its origin--has repeatedly targeted the control rooms of Power System Operation Corporation Limited. The Maharashtra Government Cyber Police have found evidence of Trojan infiltration of the server of the Maharashtra State Electricity Board. Reportedly, another hacker group--this time the name is Stone Panda; no award for guessing the country of origin--has recently aimed its cyber modes at Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech to exfiltrate intellectual property.

Sir, this is nothing but proxy warfare. I don't want to be an alarmist but there is a non-trivial possibility that this could escalate even to a nuclear plant meltdown! I strongly urge the Government to strengthen our cyber security demonstrably. Some experts say that this was just a signal. I don't want to be a jingoist. But the time has come to give an effective, return signal. We must demonstrate to any country which is threatening our national security what we are capable of. Thank you very much, Sir.

SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

**श्री विशम्भर प्रसाद निषाद** (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी स्वयं को माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

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SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. AMEE YAJNIK (Gujarat): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with the Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Sasmit Patra Odia.

**Need for evacuation of surplus rice from Odisha and release of pending subsidy to the State**

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): \*Hon. Chairman Sir, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak in my mother tongue Odia.

Sir, Odisha is the fourth biggest State in our country in terms of supply of food grain. Every year Odisha consumes around 24 Lakh Metric Ton (MT) rice and during

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\* English translation of the Original speech delivered in Odia.