GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *23
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.02.2023

HACKING AND DATA BREACH OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

***23. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:**

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

(a) the details of instances of hacking of Central Ministries/Departments and State Government websites since 2020, year-wise;

(b) the details of databases as maintained by Government, compromised/breached due to cyber hacking since 2020;

(c) whether Government has a protocol in place for making public disclosure of potential database breach; and

(d) whether the instances of hacking and data breach were reported to be from foreign locations or from within India, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*23 FOR 03.02.2023 REGARDING HACKING AND DATA BREACH OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

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(a): As per information reported to and tracked by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a total of 59, 42 and 50 websites of Central Government Ministries/Departments and State Governments were hacked during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. CERT-In has further informed it has detected and prevented 2,83,581, 4,32,057, 3,24,620 malicious scans during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

(b): As per the information reported to and tracked by CERT-In, a total number of 6, 7 and 8 data breach incidents related to government organisations were observed during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

(c): CERT-In coordinates incident response measures with affected organisations, service providers, respective sector regulators as well as law enforcement agencies. CERT-In notifies the affected organizations regarding cyber incidents, along with remedial actions to be taken. It also issues alerts and advisories on an ongoing basis regarding the latest cyber threats/vulnerabilities and countermeasures to protect computers and networks.

(d): There have been attempts from time to time to launch cyber-attacks on the Indian cyberspace from both outside and within the country. It has been observed that such attacks compromised computer systems located in different parts of the world and use masquerading techniques and hidden servers to hide the identity of actual systems from which the attacks are launched.

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