

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN WEB-SITES HACKED BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan has hacked or defaced Indian web-sites during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the number of sites hacked or defaced by Pakistan or some Pakistani organizations during the last one year;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any action in the matter; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of websites that have been hacked or defaced is difficult to quantify. It is even more difficult to give the number that have been hacked by Pakistan or some Pakistani organizations since it is not always not possible to track the source of attack to an Internet Protocol (IP Address) emanating from Pakistan. According to one estimate, the number of websites hacked this year so far is 734.

(c) Government of India have set up the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) which has the twin role of promoting cyber security and helping organizations recover from computer security incidents through appropriate help and guidance. A number of Advisories have been issued by CERT-IN which the organizations in India are expected to implement to secure their computer systems and networks against hacking.

(d) Does not arise.