

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5480  
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CODE RED VIRUS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a new computer virus names `Code Red` worm is affecting the computers;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted;
- (c) if so, whether this virus is also prevalent in Indian Computers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Centre for IT Security, established by Ministry of Information Technology for serving as Computer Emergency Response Team, had analysed the effect of the worm and had already sent necessary alerts to all its clients well before the spread of this worm had been widely reported.

(c), (d) and (e): The necessary remedial patches to prevent the spread of this worm had already been installed in the Government establishments. Users community had also been informed of the necessary mitigating instructions/advices.