

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
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VIRUS IN COMPUTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the computer system is constantly under threat from various forms of virus;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the effective measures undertaken by the Government to tackle the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.257 FOR 10.8.2005 REGARDING VIRUS IN COMPUTERS.

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Computer viruses are malicious codes (software), which infect the data and programmes stored on the computer. They spread from one computer to another over the network or through shared drives. There are many types of viruses including worms and Trojans with different modes of propagation and infection patterns. Several types of new viruses are appearing in the cyberspace constantly threatening damages to information.

(c): In order to combat threat of computer virus, a growing number of anti virus solutions/products are being utilized. Government of India has also set up Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN), which provides alert, advisories and other support to assist the users in tackling virus attacks.