

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STEPS TO COUNTER COMPUTER VIRUS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether the Government has formulated any solution to effectively counter the computer virus blackworm known as Kamasutra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the names of the States wherein it has played havoc with computer memory in Government Departments;
- (e) whether the files obliterated by blackworm could be retrieved; and
- (f) if so, the details of precautionary measures issued to all the Departments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) established by Department of Information Technology has published an advisory to clean and take preventive measures against this worm on its website (<http://www.cert-in.org.in>) and alerted IT users in the country. The anti-virus vendors have hosted tools to scan and clean this worm, which could be downloaded from their websites. The links to these tools are also available on CERT-In website. CERT-In has also published a guidelines for home users on `Securing Home Computers` which tells about preventive measures to protect against such worms.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The effect of Blackworm computer virus on computers in the country was not significant;

(e): No, Sir.

(f): CERT-In alerted all the Government Departments, Defence, Public Sector and Private Sector Organisations to immediately apply the necessary countermeasures for countering this computer virus threat. CERT-In received compliance reports from most of the organisations.