

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

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OFFICIAL WEBSITES ON PRIVATE SERVERS
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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 warned the Ministries and Departments against hosting their official websites on servers owned by private companies particularly those located outside the country ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The action taken/being taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a),(b) and (c) : A number of Government sites hosted in web servers of private companies or those hosted in servers located in foreign countries were the targets of attack by different hacker groups.Ministry of Home Affairs had advised the Central Ministries/ Departments that they should not host their websites in the servers of private companies or in servers not located in India and instead they should host their websites on servers owned by the Government of India or the State Government.Subsequently, the Ministries/Departments were requested also to follow the guidelines issued by the Department of Information Technology, which are available on the website `www.cert.in.org.in/knowledgebase/guidelines/CISG-2004.04.pdf` .