GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176

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DATA SAFETY IN SMARTPHONES

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Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued notices to the smartphone production companies to provide the details about the safety and security standards being followed in their making;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has received any feedback from those smart-phone companies about the data safety measures, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. The mobile/smartphone devices are playing a crucial role in achieving the goal of Digital India, hence there is a need to ensure the security and safety of these devices. Towards this, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has requested the mobile manufactures, selling smartphones in India, for furnishing details about the safety and security practices, architecture, frameworks, guidelines/standards followed and implemented in their respective product/services provided in the country. Feedback is being received from the mobile manufacturers selling smartphones in India.
