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LOK SABHA
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MALWARE APPS OF MARKETING SCHEMES

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

- (a) whether Government has any technology to stop malware apps of marketing schemes from cheating people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of persons cheated during the last three years and till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) and (b): The cases of malware apps of marketing schemes reported to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) are shared with Law Enforcement Agencies for appropriate investigation.

Government has taken following measures to check malicious apps and enable users to protect their mobile phones:

- (i) Alerts and advisories about the threats and vulnerabilities affecting mobile phones along with countermeasures are being issued regularly by CERT-In.
- (ii) Security tips have been published to enable users to secure their mobile/smart phones by CERT-In
- (iii) Government has operationalised the Cyber Swachhta Kendra (CSK) to enable detection and cleaning of malicious code including from mobile / smart phones. The CSK portal provides users with free tools for cleaning malicious code. The portal also provides tools such as M-Kavach for addressing threats related to mobile phones. This Centre operates in close coordination and collaboration with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Industry.
- (iv) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) regularly conduct programs to generate information security awareness. Tips for users about information security including securing mobile phones are disseminated through websites like <http://infosecawareness.in>, <https://www.cert-in.org.in> and <http://www.cyberswachhtakendra.gov.in>.

(c): As per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), number of cases registered under fraud and cheating (involving communication devices as medium/ target as per Information Technology Act 2000) for cyber crimes are 3466, 3353, 6233 during the year 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively.
