

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION 579
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.02.2020

START-UPS IN CYBER SECURITY

579. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote start-ups in cyber security.
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote this sector and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a) to (c): Government has taken several steps to promote start-ups in cyber security in the country. These, *inter alia*, include:

(i) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on 6.12.2019 has notified Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2019 for cyber security products to encourage 'Make in India' and to promote manufacturing of cyber security products in the country. As per the notification cyber security being a strategic domain, preference for procurement shall be provided for domestically manufactured/developed/produced cyber security products.

(ii) MeitY has launched Cyber Security Grand Challenge for startups on 15.1.2020 with a total prize money of Rs 3.2 crores to promote innovation and entrepreneurship culture and building key capabilities in the country in the domain of cyber security.

(iii) MeitY alongwith Data Security Council of India is implementing a project namely "Cyber Security Technology Development and Centre of Excellence" with the objective of :

- (a) Translating existing R&D outcomes to products for wider proliferation and
- (b) Development of ecosystem of cyber security technology development and entrepreneurship including start-ups.
