

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2633**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021

**INCREASE IN CYBER CRIMES**

**2633. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increased cyber crimes related to breach of privacy and fraud and if so, the action taken in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government propose to introduce any bill related to data security and privacy for digital field; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): With the rapid growth of the internet coupled with the anonymity, there is a rise in cyber crime across the world. As per the information reported to and tracked by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), a total number of 454, 472, 280 and 138 phishing incidents were observed during the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (upto June) respectively. Further, a total of 6, 4, 4 and 4 financial fraud incidents affecting ATMs, Cards, Point of sale (PoS) systems and Unified Payment Interface (UPI) have been reported during the year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (upto June) respectively.

(a) and (c): The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 11, 2019 by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The Bill seeks to provide for the protection of personal data of individuals. The Bill is under consideration by the Joint Committee of Parliament.

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