

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2965**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.08.2017

**AMENDMENT OF IT ACT**

**2965      SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:**

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

- (a) whether a Committee or a Group of Experts has been constituted under the Ministry for examining the proposals to amend or replace the Information Technology (IT) Act;
- (b) if so, the details of its terms of reference, composition and deliberations till date; and
- (c) if not, whether such a proposal is being considered by Government?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) (b) and (c): No, Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has not constituted any Group of Experts to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri T. K. Vishwanathan, former Law Secretary to examine the existing domestic and international provisions on Cyber Laws and to suggest and recommend effective legal framework/guidelines to tackle Cyber Crime. The Terms of Reference and Composition of the Committee are enclosed as Annexure. The Committee is yet to submit its recommendations.

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## **ANNEXURE**

**Statement showing the composition and Terms of Reference of the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs for making recommendations for effective legal framework / guidelines to tackle cyber crime.**

### **Composition of the Committee**

i.	Shri T.K. Vishwanathan	Secretary (Law) (Retd.)	Chairman
ii.	Dr. Gulshan Rai	Director General, CERT-In D/o Electronics & IT	Member
iii.	Dr. Ms. Mukulita	Joint Secretary, Legislative Department, M/o Law & Justice	Member
iv.	Shri Sai Manohar	DIG (IPC), CBI	Member
v.	Shri J.P. Agrawal	Joint Secretary (Judicial), MHA	Member
vi.	Shri K. Muralidharan	Director (CS Division), MHA	Convenor

### **Terms of Reference of the Committee**

- i) To study and examine the existing Domestic Cyber Laws and International Cyber Laws and suggest measures/amendments and a road map taking into account the need of legal competence / expertise on Cyber Law from investigation, prosecution and judiciary angle.
- ii) To study and recommend the aberrations and entire change situation in the Indian Laws and International Laws with regard to the cyber crime and suggest measures/ safeguards for effective enforcement of Cyber Laws to tackle the Cyber Crimes in the cyber space.

- iii) To suggest/recommend any amendment in IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 and the corresponding provisions in the IPC, Cr. P.C. and Evidence Act to facilitate establishment of a strong legal framework to fight the Cyber Crimes.
- iv) Any other measures/suggestions the Expert Committee may like to recommend with regard to Capacity Building on Law Enforcement.

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