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HACKING OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

642   SHRI A . VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a)   the number of Government websites hacked during the last three years;
(b)   whether any action has been taken against the persons responsible for hacking the websites of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs in recent years; and
(c)   the details of action plan proposed to protect the Government websites from hacking?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a):   The total number of internet facing websites hosted on NICNET that have been defaced in the last three years is 110. The details are as under:

Year	websites
2017	74
2018	31
2019-till date	5
Total	110

(b):   No such information is available with NIC (National Informatics Centre).

(c):   NIC, which provides IT / E-Governance related services to Government departments, protects the cyber resources from possible compromises through a layered security approach in the form of practices, procedures and technologies that are put in place. NIC has deployed state-of-the-art security solutions including firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, anti-virus solution. Additionally, periodic security audits of resources are performed followed by subsequent hardenings. These are complemented by round-the-clock monitoring of security events and remedial measures are carried out for solving the problems subsequently.

Cyber Security is a continuous process and the protection elements are updated on a regular basis. A 24x7 security monitoring centre is in place at NIC, for detecting and responding to security incidents, including NIC-CERT and Centres of Excellence for Application Security.

NIC follows the instructions given by MeitY / other security agencies from time to time.
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