

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 881**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09-02-2018

**CHALLENGE GRANTS TO START-UPS TO SPUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**881      SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that to encourage development of new technologies in the field of cyber security, the Government will offer challenge grants upto ` 5 crore to **start-ups to spur research and development** ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is in the process of working with Data Security Council of India to conduct challenge grant for cyber security; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the country would invite cyber security scholars from the Asia Pacific region to do their research here, if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): Data Security Council of India has submitted a proposal to Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology to conduct Grand Challenge to develop cyber security product by start-ups. The proposal is under evaluation.

(c): No, Sir.

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