

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2331**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.08.2017

**MANDATORY CYBER AUDIT OF DEPARTMENTS**

**2331      SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on making cyber audit of every department mandatory;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has issued letter to all Central Government Ministries/Departments and State Govts./UTs to carry out cyber audit annually.

The following actions have been taken by the Government in this regard:

- (i) Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India has created a panel of IT Security Auditing Organisations for auditing, including vulnerability assessment and penetration testing of computer systems, networks & applications of various organizations of the Government, critical infrastructure organizations and those in other sectors of Indian economy. At present, there are 54 Cyber Security Auditing Organizations empanelled by CERT-In for the purpose of carrying out cyber security audit related activities.
- (ii) MeitY has formulated Cyber Crisis Management Plan (CCMP) for countering cyber-attacks and cyber terrorism for implementation by all key Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments and Union Territories. The CCMP includes incident prevention and precautionary measures and points of action for preparation of sectoral and organizational CCMP; it refers to audit of information infrastructure for organizations on an annual basis as well as whenever there is a major upgradation/change in IT infrastructure, by an independent IT security auditor empanelled by CERT-In.

- (iii) Regular workshops are conducted for Ministries/Departments, States & UTs and critical organizations to sensitize them about the cyber security threat landscape and enabling them to prepare and implement the Cyber Crisis Management Plan (CCMP). So far, 48 CCMP workshops have been conducted for Ministries/Departments, States & UTs and critical organizations.

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