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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN CURBING CYBER CRIMES

1206 SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
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Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether Assocham-PwC report has suggested Government to design policies entailing incentive and tax breaks to encourage private sector participation in curbing cyber crimes; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether Government intend to increase budget for cyber security related initiatives such as capacity building, training of workforce, implementing awareness programmes and Research and Development to check cyber crimes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Whether comprehensive cyber security policies and framework would be developed to effectively curb cyber incidents and to reduce response time by various agencies; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): During its 9th Annual Summit on Cyber and Network Security held on 29 July 2016, PwC in association with Assocham launched a report on “Protecting interconnected systems in the cyber era”. One of the recommendations of the report was that government and regulators should develop comprehensive cyber security policies and frameworks from the perspective of incentives, tax breaks and technological development. The policies should be such that they encourage private sector participation in public sector research and promote the commercialisation of research and development and generation of intellectual property.

(b): Rupees 500 Crores has been allocated for Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in the 12th Plan period (2012-17) for Cyber Security Programme including cyber security related initiatives such as capacity building, training of workforce, implementing awareness programmes and Research and Development to check cyber crimes. In the year 2017-18, the total allocated budget for cyber security related initiative for MeitY is Rs. 153.48 crore.

(c): In order to enhance cyber security and effective resolution of incidents the following key actions are taken:

- (i) All organizations have been mandated to report cyber security incidents to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team expeditiously.
- (ii) Government has formulated a Cyber Crisis Management Plan for countering cyber attacks for implementation by all Ministries/ Departments of Central Government, State Governments and their organizations and critical sectors.
- (iii) Cyber security mock drills are being conducted regularly to enable assessment of cyber security posture and preparedness of organizations in Government and critical

sectors. Till date, 11 such drills have been conducted by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) involving 110 organisations from different sectors.

- (iv) Government has empanelled 32 security auditing organisations to support and audit implementation of Information Security Best Practices.
