

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3425
TO BE ANSWERED ON : 25.03.2021

CYBER ATTACK IN MAHARASHTRA

3425. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per some experts the major grid failure in commercial capital of India-Mumbai was a handiwork of Chinese cyber hackers;
- (b) if so, whether cyber experts of the country have investigated into the allegation and if so, the outcome of the probe; and
- (c) whether the recent shutdown of National Stock Exchange was also the effect of Chinese malware attack?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

- (a) and (b): The grid failure incident in Mumbai occurred on 12th Oct 2020. As per the direction of Ministry of Power, a team of officers was formed to conduct a fact finding exercise on the cyber sabotage angle. Prima-facie, no conclusive evidence was observed from the study by the team to attribute the Mumbai grid incident as a case of cyber-attack.
- (c): Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has informed that with respect to the shutdown (trading halt) on National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 24, 2021, NSE has submitted the detailed Root Cause Analysis (RCA). The said RCA does not indicate possibility of any Chinese malware attack leading to the said trading halt.
