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VULNERABILITIES OF ES FILE EXPLORER

2827. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recent research which has exposed the vulnerabilities of “ES File Explorer”, being widely used in smart-phones and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to create awareness among the users about the safety of the said application and its potential misuse to hack the users data?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): There were media reports about vulnerability in the application “ES File Explorer” used in smart phones. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has already published a vulnerability note on this issue in January 2019 and alerted the users to upgrade their software to prevent any unauthorized access.

CERT-In regularly issues alerts and advisories regarding latest cyber threats and countermeasures. CERT-In has also published advisories and security tips on its website to enable users to secure their mobile/smart phones.
