

From

*email done*  
18/09/2025

Director IT and Special Secretary to Government, Haryana  
Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Department, Haryana

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government of Haryana
2. All the Heads of Departments
3. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana
4. All the Managing Directors/ Chief Administrators of all the Boards/ Corporations in Haryana State
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana
6. All the Registrars of Universities in Haryana

No. : Admn/315/1SIT/891

Date: 16-9-25

Subject:

Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines for all State Govt. Departments/Boards/Corporations etc. - regarding.

With the increased number of cyber threats, MeitY, Govt. of India, has stressed on the need for robust protection measures. It has been advised that regular cyber security audits and assessments help organizations to strengthen their security posture, identify critical vulnerabilities, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Accordingly, Cyber Security Division, MeitY has issued "Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines" vide their OM. 1(5)/2023-Cyber Security dated 29.07.2024 and 12(15)/2024-CERT-In dated 29.07.2025 (enclosed).

These guidelines aims to facilitate a productive partnership (between auditee organization and auditing organization) throughout the audit process, fostering mutual responsibility and driving meaningful enhancements in security, risk mitigation, and regulatory adherence to safeguard sensitive information and are available at CERT-In URL: [https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf) and also placed at Haryana ISMO portal in policy/Documents section with URL: [https://haryanaismo.gov.in/assets/pdf/policy%20documents/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines\\_%20July\\_2025.pdf](https://haryanaismo.gov.in/assets/pdf/policy%20documents/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines_%20July_2025.pdf).

It is therefore requested that all the Govt. offices, institutions, public sector enterprises and other government agencies under administrative purview of your department may please adhere these Guidelines to ensure security of respective assets.

Yours sincerely,

  
Director IT and Special Secretary to Government, Haryana  
Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Department, Haryana

12(15)/2024-CERT-In

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)  
Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)

Date: 29.07.2025

W/ (C&S CRID G.T.)  
19.08.2025

Subject: Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines by CERT-In –  
Reg.

W/ SPT CBUI

CERT-In has created a panel of 'Information security auditing organisations' for auditing, including vulnerability assessment and penetration testing of computer systems, networks, websites, cloud & applications of various organizations of the Government, critical infrastructure organizations and those in other sectors of Indian economy. Currently, there are 200 organisations empanelled by CERT-In to provide auditing services which is being consulted frequently by the entities in Government and critical sectors for their auditing requirements.

2. Regular cyber security audits and assessments play a crucial role in improving an organisation's security posture, identifying vulnerabilities, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations. To standardize the audit procedures and establishing roles & responsibilities of auditee and auditing organisations, CERT-In, MeitY has developed the Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines. These guidelines serve the following key purposes:

- i. Establish Uniform Standards: Ensure that all cyber security audits follow a common set of standards and procedures, thereby promoting consistency in audit quality, evaluation criteria, and reporting.
- ii. Provide Clarity for Auditors and Auditees: Define the roles, responsibilities, and expectations for both auditing organizations and auditee organizations, ensuring mutual understanding of the audit process and deliverables.
- iii. Promote Continuous Improvement: Encourage auditee organizations to continuously improve their cyber security measures by identifying weaknesses and implementing corrective actions, leading to enhanced overall security posture.
- iv. Establish feedback mechanisms on quality of audits.


Add. CITO,

26/8/25

Amr (1000)

3. These guidelines comprehensively cover the entire audit lifecycle from planning through reporting and are aligned with the broader national objective of safeguarding India's critical cyber infrastructure. Guidelines are hosted on the CERT-In website (<https://www.cert-in.org.in/> → Cyber Security Assurance → Empanelment by CERT-In → Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines → [https://www.cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf)) and are also enclosed herewith.

4. It is suggested that all entities under your purview may be directed to adopt the Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines to ensure a consistent, effective, and secure approach to cyber security audits.

  
(Dr. Sanjay Bahl)  
Director General, CERT-In

Encl (1): Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines

To,

1. All Secretaries of Central Government Ministries/Department
2. All Chief Secretaries of States & UTs.
3. National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)
4. Additional Secretary, PMO
5. Regulators (RBI, IRDAI, SEBI, Power CSIRT)

Copy for information to:

1. Secretary, MeitY
2. Joint Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat

REC on 12/8/25

Spl. Secy. ITE&C No. 1573

Date: 07/08/2025

ED

0789

5/8

No. 1(1)/2023-Cyber Security  
Government of India  
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Dated: July 29, 2025

Office Memorandum

Subject: Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines

With the increasing number of cyber threats and the need for robust protection measures in today's digital landscape, cyber security is a major concern for enterprises. The regular cyber security audits and assessments help organizations to strengthen their security posture, identify critical vulnerabilities, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

2. In an effort to promote a seamless, effective, and efficient security auditing process, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued "Comprehensive Cyber Security Audit Policy Guidelines". The guidelines are available on website of CERT-In through the following URL:

[https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive\\_Cyber\\_Security\\_Audit\\_Policy\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://cert-in.org.in/PDF/Comprehensive_Cyber_Security_Audit_Policy_Guidelines.pdf)

3. The purpose of these guidelines is to offer thorough guidance for both the auditee and auditing organizations involved in cyber security audits. It serves as a comprehensive guide to facilitate a productive partnership throughout the audit process, fostering mutual responsibility and driving meaningful enhancements in security, risk mitigation, and regulatory adherence to safeguard sensitive information.

4. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary action may please be taken to adhere with the guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, MeitY.

Savita Utreja  
29.7.2025

(Savita Utreja)  
Scientist G

Tel: 011-24368146

Email: sutreja@meity.gov.in

To,

Heads of all MeitY organisations:

NIC, STQC, CERT-In, CCA, UIDAI, DIC, NeGD, MyGov, C-DAC, NIELIT, STPI, ERNET, NIXI, NICSI, SAMEER, C-MET, CSC, BISAG-N, SCL

99978

6/8/25

MeitY

99978

CS (Dus)

Secy./CS

05/08

C&S (CERT-In)  
06.08.2025

SUTREJA

Secy/881T

07/08/25

Add/CITO

Amrit (18m2)

**No. 12(15)/2024-CERT-In**  
**List of Chief Secretaries of States & UTs (As on 25.07.2025)**

- 1. Shri L Kumar, IAS**  
Secretary  
Department of Information and Technology,  
Andaman and Nicobar Administration,  
Secretariat Building, Port Blair-744101
- 2. Dr. Sonal Swaroop, IAS**  
Secretary  
Information Technology & Communication  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh  
Block-II 2nd floor Room No. 219,  
Civil Secretariat, Itanagar-791111
- 3. Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, IAS**  
Secretary  
Department of Information Technology,  
Government of Bihar  
Patna, Bihar - 800015
- 4. Ms. Niharika Barik**  
Principal Secretary to the Government  
Electronics and IT Department, Panchayat and Rural Development Department  
Chhattisgarh Public Relations, Chhotapara,  
Ward No.46 Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001
- 5. Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS**  
Secretary  
Department of Information Technology,  
Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi  
9th Level 'B'-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi-110002
- 6. Ms. Mona K. Khandhar, IAS**  
Principal Secretary to the Government  
Department of Science & Technology,  
Government of Gujarat,  
Block No.7, 5th Floor,  
New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar- 382010
- 7. Ms. Rakhil Kahlon, IAS**  
Secretary  
Ayush, Digital Technologies and Governance Department  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Himachal Pradesh Government Secretariat, Shimla – 171002

**8. Ms. Pooja Singhal, IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology & e-Governance  
Government of Jharkhand  
Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

**9. Shri. Seeram Sambasiva Rao, IAS**

Special Secretary  
Electronics & Information Technology Department  
Government of Kerala  
Room No. 264, 2nd Floor,  
South Block, Secretariat  
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695001

**10. Shri Rahul Singh IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology,  
UT of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti - 682555

**11. Shri Parrag Jain Nainutia**

Principal Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
Government of Maharashtra  
Department of Information Technology,  
7th Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032

**12. Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS**

Commissioner & Secretary  
Information Technology & Communication Department,  
Government of Meghalaya  
Ground Floor, N.I.C. Building,  
Secretariat Hill, Shillong, Meghalaya - 793001

**13. Ms. Arenla Jamir**

Commissioner & Secretary  
Department of Information Technology & Communication  
Government of Nagaland  
Thizama Road, Nagaland, Kohima - 292001

**14. Shri Choudhary Mohammed Yasin, IAS**

Secretary (IT)  
Government of Puducherry  
Chief Secretariat, Goubert Avenue,  
Puducherry - 605001

**15. Ms. Archana Singh, IAS**

Secretary and Commissioner, DoIT&C  
Government of Rajasthan  
IT Building, Yojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg,  
C-Scheme Jaipur-302005 (Raj)

**16. Shri Brajendra Navnit, IAS**

Principal Secretary to the Government  
Information Technology and Digital Services Department  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai,  
Fort St George, Secretariat, Chennai - 600009

**17. Shri Kiran Gitte, IAS**

Secretary  
Directorate of Information Technology,  
Government of Tripura,  
IT Bhawan, ITI Road, Indranagar,  
Agartala, West Tripura - 799006

**18. Shri Ramesh Kumar Sudhanshu**

Principal Secretary to the Government  
Directorate of Treasuries, Pension and Entitlements  
Government of Uttarakhand  
Uttarakhand Secretariat, 4 Subhash Road,  
Dehradun- 248001

**19. Shri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS**

Secretary  
Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department  
Government of Andhra Pradesh  
4th Block, 1st Floor, Room No.269,  
A.P Secretariat, Velagapudi  
Amaravati, Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh- 522503

**20. Shri K.S. Gopinath Narayan, IA&AS**

Principal Secretary to the Government  
Head of IT Department  
Government of Assam  
Block I, 2nd Floor, Assam Secretariat (Civil),  
Dispur, Guwahati- 781006

**21. Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology,  
Government of Chandigarh  
2nd Floor, Chandigarh Secretariat,  
Sector 9-D, Chandigarh – 160009

**22. Shri Ajay Kumar Gupta, IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu  
DNH & DD, 4th Floor,  
Vidyut Bhavan, Kachigam, Daman-396210

**23. Shri Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS**

Resident Commissioner, Department of IT & Tourism  
Government of Goa, Secretariat,  
Porvorim, Alto Porvorim,  
Penha de França, Goa – 403521

**24. Shri Vikas Gupta, IAS**

Commissioner & Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
Government of Haryana  
Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh-160001

**25. Dr. Ekroop Caur, IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Electronics Information Technology  
Biotechnology and Science & Technology  
Government of Karnataka  
Room No. 602, 6th Floor,  
MS Building Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560001

**26. Ms. Shashanka Ala, IAS**

Administrative Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
Government of Ladakh  
UT Secretariat, Leh, Ladakh -194101

**27. Shri Sanjay Dubey**

Additional Chief Secretary  
Department of Science and Technology,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Vallabh Bhavan 3, F Wing, Secretarial, Bhopal-462004

**28. Shri Th. Kirankumar**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
Government of Manipur  
4th floor, Western Block  
New Secretariat, Manipur-795001

**29. Pu Amit Sharma, IAS**

Secretary  
Department of Information & Communication Technology (ICT),  
Government of Mizoram  
Old Secretariat Building -I,  
Aizawl, Mizoram – 796001

**30. Shri Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS**

Principal Secretary to Government  
Electronics & Information Technology Department  
Government of Odisha,  
7th Floor, Kharvel Bhavan,  
Bhubaneswar – 751001

**31. Shri Vikas Pratap, IAS**

Additional Chief Secretary  
Department of Good Governance and Information Technology  
Government of Punjab  
Plot No. D-241, Industrial Area, Phase VIII-B,  
Sector-74, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) - 140308

**32. Shri Tenzing T. Kaleon**

Secretary  
Information Technology Department  
Government of Sikkim  
Secretariat, Sonam Tshering Marg  
Gangtok, Sikkim -737101

**33. Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS**

Special Chief Secretary  
Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications  
Government of Telangana  
3rd Floor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat,  
Hyderabad, Telangana – 500022

**34. Shri Anurag Yadav, IAS**

Principal Secretary  
IT & Electronics  
Government of Uttar Pradesh  
715, 7th Floor, Lokbawan, Lucknow Secretariat,  
Lucknow Uttar Pradesh - 226001

**35. Shri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, IAS**

Additional Chief Secretary  
Department of Information Technology and Electronics  
Government of West Bengal  
“Monibhandar” (5th and 6th floor),  
Premises of Webel Bhavan,  
Block – EP & GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091

**36. Dr. Piyush Singla**

Secretary  
Department of Information Technology  
Government of Jammu & Kashmir, UT  
38-39G, 3rd Floor, Main Block,  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001