

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 659
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019

CYBER ATTACK ON KKNPP

659. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant was subjected to a cyber attack recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of the data accessed and reportedly dumped onto a website;
- (c) whether it is true that the cyber attack/intrusion was able to get access to the controls of the Nuclear power plant and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any formal investigation has been ordered into the incident and if so, the details of the members of the committee; and
- (e) the current status of the said investigation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR.JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes, Sir. A malware infection was identified in NPCIL KKNPP Internet connected system.
- (b) There was an identification of a malware infection on KKNPP administrative network used for day to day administrative activities. The affected system contains data related to administrative function. Plant control and instrumentation system is not connected to any external network such as Intranet, Internet and administrative system.
- (c) No, Sir. The malware infection was not able to get access to the controls of the Nuclear Power Plant.
- (d)&(e) Investigations have been carried out by the Computer & Information Security Advisory Group (CISAG) – DAE along with the national agency, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In). The investigation concluded that the malware infection was limited to the administrative network of KKNPP.
