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Subject: Guidelines on Information Security Practices for Government Entities

The digital technology and usage of internet has grown exponentially and is an integral part of modern life. Today, cyberspace is the common platform used by citizens, businesses and Governments for communication, dissemination of information, e-commerce, services, economic activities, education, entertainment etc. At the same time, the advancement of technology has opened vulnerabilities for exploitation by the malicious actors.

2. With the ubiquitous applications of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in almost all facets of service delivery & operations, continuously evolving cyber threats has become a concern for Government. Cyber threats leading to cyber-attacks or incidents can compromise the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of an organization's information and systems and can have far reaching impact on essential services and national interests. To protect against cyber threats, it is important for government entities to implement strong cybersecurity measures and follow best practices.

3. In view of the above, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued guidelines relating to information security practices, procedures, prevention and response to all Ministries, Departments, Secretariats and Offices specified in the First Schedule to the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, their attached and subordinate offices, and all government institutions, public sector enterprises and other government agencies under their administrative purview (collectively referred to as "government entities"). The guidelines are available on website of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and CERT-In through the following URLs:

<https://www.meity.gov.in/writereaddata/files/Guidelines%20on%20Information%20Security%20Practices%20for%20Government%20Entities.pdf>
<https://www.cert-in.org.in/PDF/guidelinesgovtentities.pdf>

4. It is requested that all the attached and subordinate offices, government institutions, public sector enterprises and other government agencies under administrative purview of State may be informed about the guidelines for necessary action.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, MeitY.

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