

REPORTING OF CYBER BREACHES MADE MANDATORY FOR ALL FIRMS

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The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has made it mandatory for all service providers, intermediaries, data centre providers, corporates as well as government organisations to report cyber incidents within six hours of their detection.

To strengthen India's overall cybersecurity position, the country's nodal cybersecurity agency has also issued additional directions relating to synchronisation of ICT system clocks, maintenance of logs of ICT systems and subscriber/customer registration details by data centres, virtual private server (VPS) providers, VPN service providers and cloud service providers.

"To coordinate response activities as well as emergency measures with respect to cybersecurity incidents, CERT-In calls for information from service providers, intermediaries, data centres and body corporate," the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) said in a statement.

"During the course of handling cyber incidents and interactions with the constituency, CERT-In has identified certain gaps causing hindrance in incident analysis," it added.

It said that to address the identified gaps and facilitate incident response measures, CERT-In had issued directions relating to information security practices, procedure, prevention, response and reporting of cyber incidents. These directions will take effect after 60 days.

"Any service provider, intermediary, data centre, body corporate and government organisation shall mandatorily report cyber incidents... to CERT-In within 6 hours of noticing such incidents or being brought to notice about such incidents," the directions issued by CERT-In state.

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