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At present there is neither a Joint Working Group on Cyber Security nor is the Government considering any proposal regarding setting up of an autonomous body on cyber security.

Steps taken by the Government to check hacking and cyber crimes are as follows:

- i. Section 43, 43A, 66, 66B, 66C, 66D, 66E, 66F, 67, 67A, 67B, 70, 72, 72A and 74 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 deal with hacking and cyber crimes.
- ii. Government approved a 'Framework for enhancing security in cyberspace' for cyber security in the Indian cyberspace, with the National Security Council Secretariat as nodal agency.
- iii. National Technical Research Organisation has been designated as the nodal agency for taking all measures for protection of national critical infrastructure and to handle cyber security incidents in critical sectors.
- iv. Further, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is designated as the national agency for incident response including analysis, forecast and alerts on cyber security breaches.
- v. Advisories have been issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to States/UTs for taking steps for prevention of cybercrime, which are available on the website of MHA (www.mha.gov.in).
- vi. Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing the 'Cyber Crime Prevention against Women & Children' Scheme with the objective of handling issues of cyber crime against women and children.
- vii. Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Phone Fraud and has issued advisories dated 13.01.2018 & 12.02.2018 to States/UTs for taking steps to check phone frauds.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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