

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4097
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 23.12.2015

E-MAIL POLICY

4097 SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately five million Google passwords were leaked online by the hackers. If so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has instructed all its departments to not use Google mail for transferring official data; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that private mail addresses are not used for transferring data?
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to further secure communications between different Government departments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): No specific incident has been reported to the department in this regard.

(b) to (e): "Email policy of Government of India" has been notified in the Gazette of India and circulated to all the Government Ministries & Departments. The policy clearly stipulates that only the Government provided e-mail services shall be used for official communications. The e-mail services provided by other service providers shall not be used for any official communication. Further, it has been decided to augment Government e-mail infrastructure to provide safe and secure e-mail services to all the Government employees.
