

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**



U.O.Note No.27/DM/ITE&C/2018.

Dated: 08-10-2018

Sub: ITE&C Dept. – Alert from Intelligence Bureau on hackers stealing the data of certain websites of Telangana Government – Instructions – Issued - Reg.

- Ref:**
1. Circular Memo No.06/DM/ITE&C/2018, dt.04.04.2018 of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department.
 2. Circular Memo No.18/DM/ITE&C/2018, dt.15.09.2018 of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department.
 3. D.O. No.C-1/155(2)/2010-NSCS(NGO)/TS/PW/763, dt.28.09.2018 from National Cyber Security Coordinator, Gol, New Delhi.

In the reference 3rd cited above, National Security Council Secretariat has stated that Intelligence Bureau has reported that data in certain websites of Government of Telangana has been stolen by hackers exploiting vulnerability present therein and requested to get the ICT infrastructure of the State to be comprehensively audited and to take preventive steps to protect the infrastructure from being hacked and taken over by perpetrators. The letter further stated that certain organisations of which the websites belong to, have weak controls and inadequate protection in terms of securing their ICT assets and any cyber attacks would be attributed towards Government of Telangana.

2. In the reference 1st cited above, certain action items were already issued for the all the Departments of Secretariat, HoDs and other Government entities with respect to compliance of their websites/ portals/ web applications with Guidelines for Telangana Government Websites (GTGW).

3. Further, in the reference 2nd cited above, the following instructions, among others, were issued to all the Departments of Secretariat, HoDs and other Government entities:-

- Websites not complying with mandatory guidelines of GTGW (See: <http://www.telangana.gov.in/gtgw/resources>) shall be restricted from public access after 31th October, 2018.
- All the websites must immediately undertake a Security Audit and install Security Socket Layer (SSL) Certificate on their online digital assets – websites/ web applications/ MIS failing which the same shall be restricted from public access after 31th October, 2018.

4. In view of the alerts from Intelligence Bureau and the instructions already issued by the Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department, all the Departments of Secretariat, HoDs and other Government entities shall forthwith initiate the Security Audit process and install SSL Certificate on their respective websites/ web applications/ MISs.

5. In case of any clarifications, they may contact Director, Digital Media/ Assistant Director, Portal on 040-23456397 or mail to ad_portal@telangana.gov.in/ tweb-itc@telangana.gov.in.

6. Considering the sensitivity and importance, it is requested to treat the matter as the **Most Urgent**.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
All the Departments of Secretariat.
All the HoDs in the State.
All the Constitutional/ Independent Bodies.
All the District Collectors.
The SIO, NIC, BRKR Bhavan, Hyderabad.
The DG, CGG, MCRHRDI Campus, Hyderabad.
The CEO, TS Online, Hyderabad.

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