

File No: 1/5/2011-IT (204430)
Ministry of Power
(IT Cell)

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg
New Delhi, dated 25th April, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : IT Security auditing requirements of Government organisations and critical sectors – Advisories reg.

The Undersigned is directed to refer to the letter No. 3(15)/2004-CERT-In (Vol.IX) dated 15.2.2018 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the process of engaging the CERT-In empanelled IT Security auditing organisations, on the advice of IB/MHA, the following advisories is issued to ensure that the engagement process is secure and does not pose a threat to sensitive data/information belonging to the Govt. and critical sectors:

- (i) Since engaging non-indian firms for auditing requirements by the government organisations and critical sectors may involve exposing sensitive information to non-Indian persons/entities or having foreign links, the concerned Government Ministries/Organisations should obtain NOC from MHA before engaging any non-ndian firm.
- (ii) Every auditing firm and its auditors (personnel) engaged should sign Nondisclosure Agreement (NDAs) before being allowed to commence the cyber security auditing work. To the extent feasible, it may be ensured that any data collected during the auditing work and report prepared thereof is not allowed to be taken out of the Government premises by such auditors/firms.


2. It is requested that the above mentioned advisories is to be strictly followed at the time of engaging CERT-In empanelled organisations.

3332-PCER
25.04/18

- To
1. CISO-MoP [Kind Attn. Shri Vijay Menghani, CE (IT), CEA]
 2. CERT-Thermal
 3. CERT-Hydro
 4. CERT-Trans
 5. CERT-Distribution

Copy to

1. Chairperson, CEA
2. CMD -NTPC/NHPC/PGCIL/THDC/NEEPCO/SJVNL/PFC/REC
3. DG - BEE/CPRI/NPTI
4. Chairman -- DVC/BBMB
5. Secretary, CERC
6. Registrar, ATI
7. CEO, POSOCO
8. MD, EESL


(Praveen Kumar)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India
Tel. 23715507 Extn. 281
it-mop@nic.in