



Coordination Wing (MIS Section)

No. 2(25)/NHA/Dir (MIS)/2019/3540

27-Mauve Area, G-9/1 Islamabad the 14 Nov, 2019

CIRCULAR

Subject:

SPECIAL ADVISORY - INFORMATION / CYBER SECURITY

Reference:

(i) No. 7(1)/2019-Gen-Vol-V, dated 5th Nov, 2019 (Copy enclosed)

(ii) No. 1-3/2018-IT, dated 23rd Oct, 2019 (Copy enclosed)

The above reference letter on the subject cited above is forwarded for information, compliance and necessary action on top priority, please.

02. This has the approval of the Member (Coordination).

(Syed Zawar Haider) Deputy Director (MIS)

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- · SPS to Chairman, NHA
- SO to Member (Admn), NHA

No. 7(1)/2019-Gen-Vol-V Government of Pakistan Ministry of Communications

Dated: 05.11.2019

Subject:

SPECIAL ADVISORY - INFORMATION/CYBER SECURITY

Refer MoITT letter No. F.No. 1-3/2018-IT dated 23-10-2019 (Copy enclosed).

2. A compliance report/feedback may please be furnished to this office regarding above referred letter for onward transmission to MoITT.

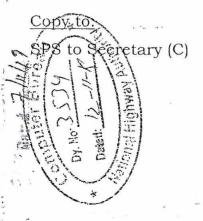
(Majid Abbas)
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The Chairman NHA HQs, Islamabad.

Inspector General NH&MP, Islamabad

The Chief NTRC, NTRC Building Islamabad.

The Director CTTI Islamabad.



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATION DIGITAL PAKISTAN

F. No. 1-3/2018-IT

Islamabad, 23rd October, 2019

Subject: SPECIAL ADVISORY- INFORMATION/CYBER SECURITY

It has come to our knowledge that potential and intended threats to Cyber Security exist which pose a concern for national security. There is an urgent need to undertake a holistic review of information systems and sensitize Ministries/Divisions to safeguard against any leakage of classified information.

Senior government officials holding sensitive portfolios and dealing with matters are advised to do the following:

a. Smart phones be strictly forbidden in official meetings specially involving discussions on sensitive matters affecting national security.

 No classified information be shared on Whatsapp or similar application being highly insecure.

Passage of sensitive/classified information via insecure email, plain fax or any other insecure means should be discouraged.

Commonly available data storage devices are source of security vulnerability resulting into loss/ hacking of official data. It is encouraged that they may be used under exceptional cases.

Meeting/ conference rooms where sensitive matters are discussed should be TEMPEST proof.

Regular electronic sweeping of offices, residences, meeting/conference rooms against possible bugs should be ensured. Special electronic sweeping be also ensured prior to sensitive meetings/discussions.

Screening of gifts/souvenirs presented by visiting dignitaries be done to rule out presence of any bug. No official gift be placed in sensitive places without due clearance of screening process.

h. Any ICT equipment/solution specially of foreign origin/OEM for potential use in offices must be cleared from NITB.

i. Special care be exercised with respect to communication on smart phones near foreign missions' compounds (Cellular network be used), use of WiFi hot spots, smart TV devices, FTTH/ smart cable TV, NW printers/ scanners and vehicles equipped with datacomm devices/ onboard smart devices.

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- j. CCTV networks installed at sensitive locations should not be connected either on internet or on cloud based service. Their networks must remain standalone and isolated.
- k. Timely sharing of information about security breaches be done with the National Information Technology Board for remedial measures and analysis.
- 3. The above is forwarded for information and necessary action, on priority, please.

(Syed Junaid Imam)

Member (IT)

Encl: As above

All Federal Secretaries/All Additional Secretaries (Incharge)

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- 1. Secretary to Prime Minister, PM Office, Islamabad
- Secretary IT & T, Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication, Islamabad
- 3. Secretary Cabinet Division, Islamabad
- 4. Additional Secretary, Ministry of IT&T, Islamabad
- 5. ED National Information Technology Board, Islamabad
- 6. Director to Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunication, Islamabad