

## **112 Govt. Websites Hacked in 3 Months: Sachin Pilot**

About 112 government websites, including those of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, Planning commission and Ministry of Finance, were hacked in the last three months, minister of state for communications and IT Sachin Pilot said in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The website of state-owned telecom operator BSNL was attacked on December 4, by a Pakistani hacker group called 'H4tr!ck'. This was the fourth time the BSNL website was attacked.

Other hacked website belonged to the agencies in the government of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and Manipur besides the HRD Ministry, the Parliament was informed in a written statement by the minister.

The attacks on government websites indicate their vulnerability, especially those ending with gov. in as top level domain.

On the other hand, number of internet frauds of Rs. 1 lakh and upwards, declined to 125 in 2011 from 269 cases reported, three years ago, the minister said.

About 1,800 cases of internet fraud were reported in 2011, a drop from 2,234 cases reported in 2010. But the CBI's Economic offences wing registered only three cases in 2011. Most of the cases relate to payment and e-commerce fraud by way of stolen credit cards.

The amount involved in the internet frauds declined from Rs. 12.3 crore in 2010 to Rs. 7.8 crore, last year, the minister said. (Source Economic Times)