

No. A-43020/01/2014-RTI
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

Sl No. 296

New Delhi, Dated: 20/03/2014.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transfer of application of Ms. Shagun Belwal under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

This Ministry has received an application under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 31.01.2014 from Ms. Shagun Belwal received in this Ministry on 04.02.2014.

2. Since the requested information does not fall solely within the jurisdiction of MHA, the application is therefore being transferred to Department of Information & Technology, and Director (IS-) MHA under sub-section (3) of Section 6 of RTI Act, 2005 for taking necessary action. It is requested that if the subject matter pertains to any other CPIO Public Authority, the application may be further transferred to that Authority directly under intimation to the applicant.

3. The requisite application fee of Rs. 10/- is received in this Ministry vide receipt No. 23840 dated 08.02.2014.

Encl: As above.

(Alice Kujur)
Dy. Secretary, (E. & CPIO)

To

E/C

Shri Anil Kaushik, Scientist E & CPIO,
Department of Information & Technology,
Electronic Niketan, 6, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.

Copy forwarded for similar action to:

Director (IS-), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.

Copy for information to:

Ms. Shagun Belwal,
K-9, 2nd floor, Birbal Road,
Jangpura Extension,
New Delhi.

RTI-296/Dir (IS-I)/14
5/3/14

*1 note to
sent to
DCM (I)
AA
Males 5/3*

January, 2014

FD, CTAC-01/2014

State Central Information Officer,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
R.K. Park, New Delhi,
New Delhi

Subject: Application under the Right to Information Act.

Sir,

I refer with reference to the various reports in newspapers regarding the Government of India's plan to launch an Internet spy system called 'NETRA' (Anti-Terror Network) which will be used for tracking internet activities. Copies of the reports are enclosed herewith for your information and perusal.

and details of the reports are attached, see the following for more info.

1. Please provide details / specifications of the NETRA system?
2. Under which legal authority will a NETRA system be set up?
3. What is the deployment strategy of NETRA as discussed in the meeting of the inter-ministerial group?
4. Which are the law enforcement agencies where the NETRA system will be deployed?
5. What are the guidelines, rules, measures or strategies to be adopted by NETRA to ensure effective security practices, as discussed in the meeting of the inter-ministerial group?
6. What safeguards are in place for protecting the privacy of citizens?
7. Please provide copy of minutes of the meeting of the inter-ministerial group.
8. Please provide file notes, if any.

If the information sought herein is with any other public authority, please transfer the application to such authority within a period of five days (as per S. 3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and inform me of such transfer and related communication.

I am a 'Citizen' of India and I am requesting for this information as a 'Citizen' of India. I am enclosing one postal order of Rs. 10 dated 21 January, 2014 favoring the Accounts Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, as the requisite fee. I am ready to pay any expense incurred in making photocopies of documents on intimation of the same.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Shagun Bhatwal
SFLC/17
R-9, Second Floor, Bhatwal Road,
Jangpura Extension,
New Delhi- 110014

of Human Rights in Libya, and others in the United Kingdom. Drawing upon its own jurisprudence, the Court insisted on reasonable proportionality. It stated quite clearly that data are significant risks of arbitrariness, excessive power is exercised in secret and that the law should be sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place. Additionally, the extent of disclosure of the material must be sufficient to protect individuals from arbitrary interference. The principles laid down by the European Court in *Leander* require that the nature of the offence which may give rise to an interception must be the procedure of examination, using and storing the data obtained, the persons who are authorised to examine the data, and the particular circumstances in which the findings may be used or the report may be referred to.

Opaque and ineffective

was satisfied that the interception was carried out in a manner which was not in accordance with the law. The law in this regard was not sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place. The law in this regard was not sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place. The law in this regard was not sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place. The law in this regard was not sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place.

China's laws and practices regarding human rights, including the rights of individuals to privacy, are not in accordance with international human rights standards. The law in this regard was not sufficiently clear to give citizens an adequate basis to know the circumstances in which interception might take place.

● **Special Period Offer** | **Happy 10th Birth Anniversary!** | **GET ₹50/- back** | **CASH BACK**
Book train tickets on SMS 139
Download Mobile App at www.bharatbpc.in/app

- [Home](#)
- [Internet](#)
- [Med](#)
- [Polit](#)
- [Econ](#)
- [Arts & Culture](#)

Search Mediana...

Indian Government Plans Internet Monitoring System Netra

By [Vikas S](#) on Jan 6th, 2014 [0 Comments](#)

[Home](#) [Contact Us](#) [Privacy Policy](#)

Like [1](#) Tweet [22](#) Share [3](#)

While there is no privacy law in India yet, the Government is shortly launching an Internet monitoring system called 'Netra' which will be capable to detect suspicious words like 'attack', 'bomb', 'blast' or 'kill' in real time on social media, emails, instant messaging services, blogs and others, reports [The Economic Times](#).

Citing a note from the telecom department, the report mentions that security agencies will be able to monitor voice traffic on services like Skype, Google Talk and others through this system and this deployment will facilitate setting up of a national Internet scanning & coordination centre, similar to ones present in the United States, United Kingdom, China and others.

Netra has been developed by [Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics \(CAIR\)](#), a lab under Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) whose research focuses on various defense related areas in Information and Communication Technology like artificial intelligence, robotics, intelligent systems, communication & information security and others. The lab is also reportedly working with Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) to develop a formal strategy to track Internet usage.

A [PTI report](#) also cites a home ministry note on Netra which states that the Intelligence Bureau and Cabinet Secretariat have conducted tests on the system and the ministry is currently providing final touches to the system.

to be provided to security agencies

another key component in the Indian government's broader Internet surveillance plans over the world, however, we are curious on how the system is able to monitor phrases in private conversations or 1:1 conversations, since that typically requires a backdoor entry to the respective service.

We're reminded of a [recent report](#) which had suggested that the government was planning to ask its ISP partners to share the technology it uses to decrypt conversations happening over chat services like WhatsApp

or Skype, if the companies don't do so themselves. Last year, there were also reports of several Indian ISPs asking the government to force Russian Internet companies like Facebook and Google to setup local servers in India.

While mining of public data for "suspicious" words is understandable, we are a bit skeptical of its usefulness since government or other stakeholders wouldn't probably discuss their plans publicly on Twitter or other blog platforms.

Indian Government Internet Surveillance Initiatives

Last month, it was indicated that the Indian government's ambitious intelligence gathering project National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) will be up and running in four months and the initial stage could involve the "real-time linking" of data between various agencies through the NATGRID platform.

Besides this, there is the [Central Monitoring System \(CMS\)](#), which is essentially India's version of NSA's PRISM surveillance program and tracks what we say or text over the phone, write, post or browse over the Internet by gaining direct access from telecom operators and ISPs. Last July, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) was reportedly planning to ask all telecom operators to connect their Lawful Interception System (LIS) to the Indian government's Centralised Monitoring System (CMS) and had inserted clauses in mobile licenses for enabling this surveillance.

Related:

- [India's IT Man of State Milind Deora's Thinks The CMS \(India's PRISM\) Is "A Good Tool"](#)
- [India To Ask ISPs, Telcos To Link To CMS: Who'll Sue The Indian Government?](#)
- [What Does Spy Files 3 Reveal About Surveillance In India? - CIS India](#)

Share this:

Share

Category : [Government](#), [News](#), [Policy](#) Tags : [CAIR](#), [Central Monitoring System](#), [cyber surveillance](#), [DRDO](#), [Netra](#), [Social Media Monitoring](#)

Previous Story: [Twitter India Appoints @Raheel: As Head Of News, Politics And Government](#)

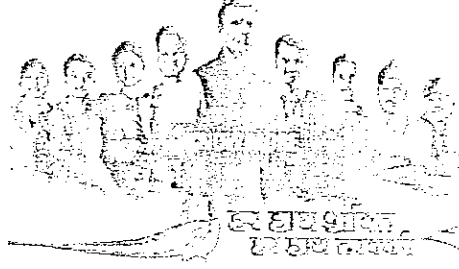
Subscribe to our newsletters

Version: 1.0.0.0 | Copyright © 2014 | All rights reserved | Terms of Use | Privacy Policy

NEW! | 100% FREE

You are here: Home > News > India

कहलु सललु वलुलु, सुलु लुलु



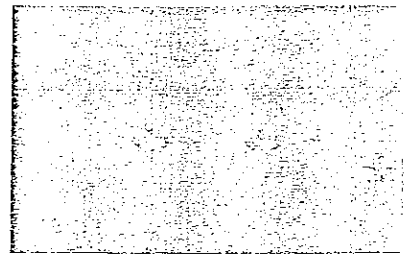
Government to launch internet spy system 'Netra' soon

By Anand Kumar

The government is set to launch an internet spy system called 'Netra' soon. The system will be used to monitor internet traffic and detect suspicious activity.

The system will be used to monitor internet traffic and detect suspicious activity. It will be able to identify the source of the traffic and the destination. The system will also be able to detect suspicious activity, such as the use of malware or the transmission of sensitive information.

The system will be used to monitor internet traffic and detect suspicious activity. It will be able to identify the source of the traffic and the destination. The system will also be able to detect suspicious activity, such as the use of malware or the transmission of sensitive information.



Government to launch internet spy system 'Netra' soon

De-Networking Services	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies
De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies
De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies
De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies	De-Networking Agencies

RELATED ARTICLES

- Government to launch 'Netra' internet spy system
- DRDO develops IAF 'Netra' to aid in anti-terrorism
- After 8 spyBerry govt bans of web traffic
- IN-DEPTH COVERAGE
- DRDO
- Intelligence Bureau
- Cabinet Secretariat

The 'Netra' internet spy system has been developed by Centre for Information Intelligence and Robotics (CIIR) of the Department of Organisation (DOO) of the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

The specifications of the 'Netra' system can be taken as a reference for following tests by the Intelligence Bureau and Cabinet Secretariat and can be considered for providing multiple user access to security agencies. The name 'Netra' is a nod to the 'Netra' system.

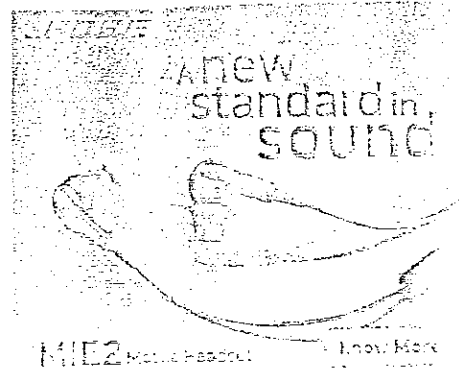
An inter-ministerial group, comprising officials of the Cabinet Secretariat, Home Ministry, DRDO, CIA, Intelligence Bureau, CIIIT and Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), recently have discussed the details and strategy of 'Netra'.

The group also discussed the strategy to deal with computer security incidents from system vulnerabilities and cyber-attacks. The security measures across the country.

When 'Netra' is operationalised, security agencies will get a big hand in monitoring activities of dual-use people and organisations which use internet to carry out their malicious activities. A government official said.

The inter-ministerial group favoured allocation of 300 GB of storage space to a maximum of three security agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau and Cabinet Secretariat, for inter-upted internet traffic and an extra 100 GB would be assigned to the remaining law enforcement agencies.

Home Ministry | Cabinet | Telecom | Defence | Education | Health | Sports | Environment | Agriculture | Industry | Labour | Welfare | Other



Government to launch 'Netra' for internet surveillance

By Anand Kumar, New Delhi

Telecom The government is set to launch a new internet surveillance system, known as Netra, which will be able to intercept and monitor all internet traffic passing through the country's backbone network. The system is being developed by the Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), an agency under the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

The system will be able to intercept and monitor all internet traffic passing through the country's backbone network. The system is being developed by the Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), an agency under the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO). The system will be able to intercept and monitor all internet traffic passing through the country's backbone network. The system is being developed by the Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), an agency under the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

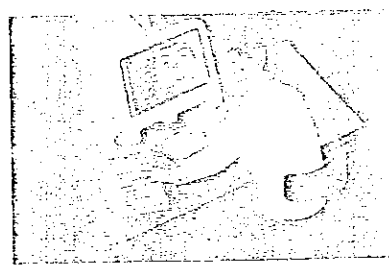


Illustration of a computer monitor and a hand holding a mouse.

Must for GAs

Handbooks for accountants
Take Your Practise to Global Level: Better Cooperation

Deployment of Officers Site

Deployment of Officers Site
One Day Advance Purchase Forest Starting from 2011. Book Now.

RELATED ARTICLES

Home Ministry raises objections on Telecom bill provisions
June 4, 2012

Home Ministry says Department of Telecom will levy fine on
May 18, 2012

Home Telecom ministry to set up a centre for internet
May 17, 2012

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

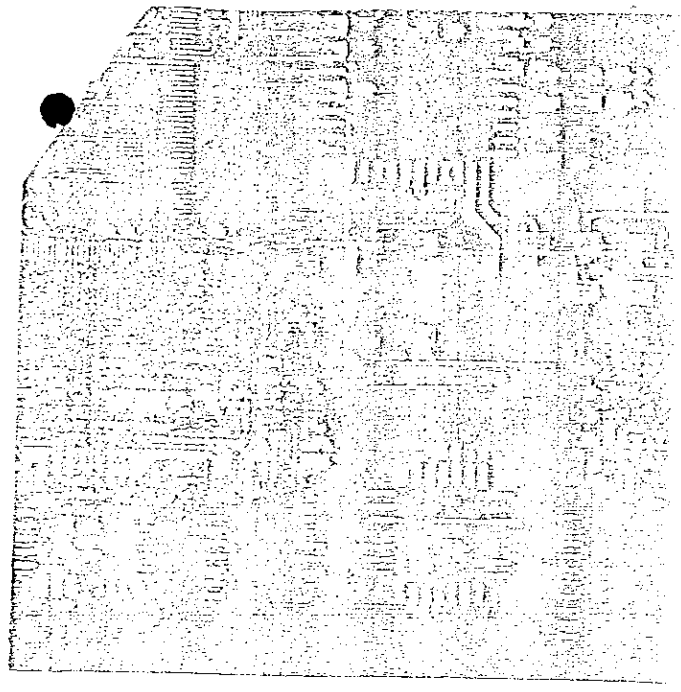
Home Ministry
Internet
Droit
Cabinet Secretariat

The 'Netra' internet surveillance system has been developed by Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), an agency under Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

To receive its deployment, the home ministry will only require DRDO to make additional manpower resources to Bangalore-based CAIR. CAIR is also working with the government's telecom technology firm, Centre for Development of Telematics (CDOT) to provide a single platform for all internet use.

The home department strategy was to hire a private security agency to provide a full range of IT services and technology and included top officials of the Central Security Agency, the Ministry of Defence, CAIR, Intelligence Bureau, C-Drill and Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). The plan also called for an effort to research computer security incidents, data systems, threats and other effective IT security practices across the country.

During the meeting, it was also decided that 300 GB of storage space for intercepted internet traffic would be given to a maximum three security agencies, including the British Council's International Wire and Cable Unit. GB would be assigned to the remaining two intelligence agencies. The minutes of the inter-ministerial meeting showed 'Deployment of Netra' by security agencies, decided to pave the way for a national internet spanning & coordination centre, which has a plan to establish using the best of existing facilities in the UK, US, China and other.



Beware of the words 'attach' and 'attach' in tweets about updates, email and other messages. The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing.

The Home Ministry is planning to launch the system in the next few days. The system will be used by the intelligence agencies and the security agencies through software like Google Talk, messenger, etc. The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing.

The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing. The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing.

The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing. The system is not yet ready for use and is not yet available for testing.

An inter-ministerial group comprising officials of the Cabinet Secretariat, Home Ministry, DDO, C&F, Intelligence Bureau, C&I and Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), recently have discussed the deployment strategy of Netra.

The group also discussed a strategy on how to deal with computer security incidents, cyber terrorism and promote effective IT security practices across the country.

"When Netra's operational security agencies will get to handle or monitor activities of our citizens and organisations who use internet to carry out their nefarious designs," a government official said.

The inter-ministerial group favoured a creation of a 'Netra' page space to a maximum of five security agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau, and Cabinet Secretariat for internet traffic and on Netra. The group will also assign to the inter-ministerial group.

#Google+ (top:google) #Ddn (top:ddn) #DnDn (top:ddn) #HomeMinistry (top:home-ministry) #Government (top:government) #Internet (top:internet) #Spy (top:spy) #Service (top:service) #Blog (top:blog) #NewDdn (top:ddn) #Security (top:security) #Defence (top:defence) #Tweets (top:tweets) #ACE (top:ace) #Software (top:software) #Photos (top:photos)

Jump to comment:

We Recommend: <http://www.dnaindia.com/india/story/indian-government-to-launch-internet-spy-system-netra-soon-1945867>
Scribd Content: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/200000000/indian-government-to-launch-internet-spy-system-netra-soon-1945867>
attach:four

Reply of sl. No. 2916

RTI Matter
By Speed Post

No. II.20034/35/2014-IS.II/M
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS.I Division/IS.II Desk)

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated: 20 March, 2014

To

Ms Shagun Belwal
SFLC.IN
K-9, Seconf Floor, Birbal Road,
Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

Sub: Application of Ms Shagun Belwal seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

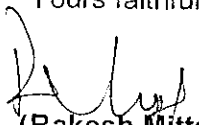
Madam,

Please refer to your RTI application No RTI/CTAG/01/2014 dated 31.01.2014, received in the office of this CPIO on 05.03.2014 through MHA OM No A-43020/01/2014-RTI dated 20.02.2014 on the above subject.

2 On the information sought, it is submitted that the subject matter is being dealt by Department of Telecom and reply has already been provided by Department of Telecom vide OM No DIR (DS-II)/RTI/2014 dated 10.03.2014 (Copy enclosed).

3. It is informed that in case you are not satisfied with the reply, you can prefer an appeal within 30 days from the receipt of this communication to Shri Rakesh Singh, Joint Secretary (Internal Security-I), Room No 197-B, North Block, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, who is the Appellate Authority in this case.

Yours faithfully,


(Rakesh Mittal)

Director (Internal Security-I) & CPIO

Cc:

Shri S.T. Abbas Director (DS-II) & CPIO, Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhavan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi with respect to OM No DIR (DS-II)/RTI/2014 dated 10.03.2014

PA TO DIR(ISH)