Govt, industry to spend about Rs 500 cr on cyber training

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New Delhi: The government and the industry will spend about Rs 500 crore over the next five years to beef-up cyber security in the country, a senior government official said today.

It can't be any government led programme. Some part of the budget will come from government, some part from industry. The central government is to spend about Rs 250-300 crore over the next five years while the IT industry will spend another Rs 250 crore over the next five years, the senior government official told IANS today.

He was referring to government's targeted envisaged under the National Cyber Security Policy, 2010, which is to create a cyber environment security and research activity centre.

He said that very few institutions in the country are working on cyber security and it is required that the new centres should be created which can work on cyber security related tasks.

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The Centre for Cyber Policy is a body set up by the Department of Information Technology, which is under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

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