

# HC seeks Centre's response to petition on data breaches

## Plea flags inaction of CERT-In, importance of cyber-security

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The Delhi High Court has asked the Centre to respond to a petition highlighting the inaction of the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) over reports of alleged cybersecurity breaches and data leaks on online platforms of BigBasket, Domino's, MobiKwik and Air India.

Justice Rekha Palli granted time to the Centre's counsel to seek instructions on the issue while posting the case for hearing on September 23.

The petition filed by Yar-



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lagadda Kiran Chandra, general secretary of the Free Software Movement of India, said that despite numerous representations to

CERT-In to investigate the alleged data breaches nothing had been done so far.

**CERT-In is the nodal agency operational since 2004 for responding to computer security incidents.**

**The petition stated that there was no law governing data protection in India currently.** "Thereby, the aggrieved users do not have any legislative recourse against such breaches. Therefore, an investigation by CERT-In on frequent data breaches at mass level becomes important to safeguard the privacy of users," it said.