

Subject:- **Special Advisory (Connecting Smart Phones to USB Ports of Standalone Computers Having Sensitive Data (Advisory No. 08) May, 2015**

A very risky practice of charging smart phone through USB ports of computers / laptops and thin clients having official / personal data is observed. This has serious security risks which are mentioned below:-

- a. **Data Leakage.** Tethering 2G / 3G / 4G connection between smart phone and computer can expose data to internet and hackers.
- b. **Virus / Malware.** Any smart phone in removable drive mode works in similar way as a flash drive. Therefore, an infected PC can copy virus or data to phone which will be propagated further when phone is connected to computers / internet.

2. **Recommendation.** Never charge mobile phones through thin clients or computers/laptops having official and personal data.