

Subject: **Advisory – Microsoft Abandons Internet Explorer (Advisory No.5)**

1. **Introduction.** Microsoft has announced **to end the support for Internet explorer web browser wef 14 Jan 2020** due to un – patched vulnerabilities. Same has been confirmed by security analysts, being prone to spyware, adware and computer viruses across the Internet. Countries like Germany, France and Australian have already issued warning on the subject.

2. **Recommendations.** In order to safeguard against the prevailing threat of Internet Explorer, following is recommended: -

- a. Discontinue usage of Internet Explorer by the end of 2019 **as Microsoft is relinquishing support.**
- b. Browsers like Google Chrome, FireFox Mozilla etc may be used. However, following guidelines are recommended for safe internet surfing: -
 - (1) Ensure hardening and privacy setting of the browser and carefully install plugins to avoid data leakage.
 - (2) Ensure that **“Real – Time Protection”** feature is always enabled on antivirus.

3. Forwarded for perusal and dissemination of information to all concerned and under command, please.