INTRODUCTION

E-Business:

E-business or Electronic business may be defined broadly of any business process that runs on the Internet. The important trends of business like supply chain management; non-cash payment, mail order and service economy all are represented by e-Business. In more general sense, we can say, any business that uses computer. But today it is mostly done using web, Intranets, Internet, Extranets or any combination of these so E-business refers exclusively to Internet business. E-business includes informational websites that are being fielded on an almost daily basis by companies. It is not limited to just buying and selling but also servicing customers and collaborating with business partners.

The first to use the term e-business was IBM, when, in October 1997, it launched a thematic campaign built around the term. Today, major corporations are rethinking their businesses in terms of the Internet and its new culture and capabilities. Companies are using the Web to buy parts and supplies from other companies, to collaborate on sales promotions, and to do joint research. Exploiting the convenience, availability, and world-wide reach of the Internet, many companies, such as Amazon.com, the book sellers, have already discovered how to use the Internet successfully.

Managing e-business security is a multifaceted challenge and requires the coordination of business policy and practice with appropriate technology. In addition to deploying standards bases, flexible and interoperable systems, the technology must provide assurance of the security provided in the products.