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Ban of Chinese apps in India

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#### 59 CHINESE APPS BANNED ON 24 JULY

- The Government of India has banned 59 Chinese mobile applications, including top social media platforms such as TikTok, Helo and WeChat, to counter the threat posed by these applications to the country's "sovereignty and security".
- In a press release, the govt said the applications are engaged in activities "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order." The ban has been imposed under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009, it said.

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- 1. TikTok
- 2. Shareit
- 3. Kwai
- 4. UC Browser
- 5. Baidu map
- 6. Shein
- 7. Clash of Kings
- 8. DU battery saver
- 9. Helo
- 10. Likee
- 11. YouCam makeup
- 12. Mi Community
- 13. CM Browers
- 14. Virus Cleaner
- 15. APUS Browser
- 16. ROMWE

- 17. Club Factory
- 18. Newsdog
- 19. Beutry Plus
- 20. WeChat
- 21. UC News
- 22. QQ Mail
- 23. Weibo
- 24. Xender
- 25. QQ Music
- 26. QQ Newsfeed
- 27. Bigo Live
- 28. SelfieCity
- 29. Mail Master
- 30. Parallel Space
- 31. Mi Video Call -Xiaomi

- 32. WeSync
- 33. ES File Explorer
- 34. Viva Video QU Video Inc
- 35. Meitu
- 36. Vigo Video
- 37. New Video Status
- 38. DU Recorder
- 39. Vault- Hide
- 40. Cache Cleaner DU App studio
- 41. DU Cleaner
- 42. DU Browser
- 43. Hago Play With New Friends
- 44. Cam Scanner
- 45. Clean Master -

- **Cheetah Mobile**
- 46. Wonder Camera
- 47. Photo Wonder
- 48. QQ Player
- 49. We Meet
- 50. Sweet Selfie
- 51. Baidu Translate
- 52. Vmate
- 53. QQ International
- 54. QQ Security Center
- 55. QQ Launcher
- 56. U Video
- 57. V fly Status Video
- 58. Mobile Legends
- 59. DU Privacy

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#### 47 CHINESE APPS BANNED ON 27 JULY

- The 47 apps that have been banned by the latest decision of the government were operating as the clones of the 59 apps that were banned last month, according to a tweet posted by DD News.
- The decision to ban the apps was taken during a security review meeting of the Telecom Ministry. The government is yet to release the full list of banned Chinese apps.
- The banned clone apps include Tiktok Lite, Helo Lite, SHAREit Lite, BIGO LIVE Lite and VFY Lite.

### OFFICIAL TWEET FROM ANI AND DD NEWS



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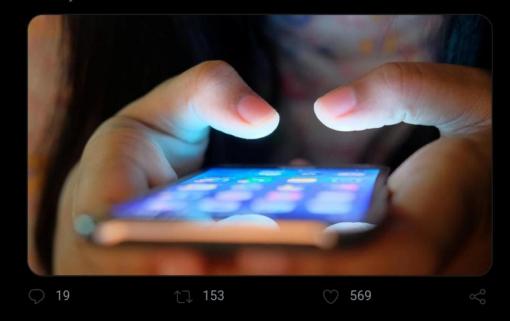
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology bans 47 apps which were variants and cloned copies of the 59 Chinese apps that were banned in June. These banned clones include Tiktok Lite, Helo Lite, SHAREit Lite, BIGO LIVE Lite and VFY Lite.





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Govt. bans 47 such apps which are clones of those **#apps** that have already been banned earlier



# 275 MORE APPS UNDER RADAR INCLUDING PUBG

- The Indian government is also investigating 275 more apps for possible violations of national security and user privacy. The apps under radar include one of India's top gaming app, PUBG.
- A spokesperson for the union home ministry did not respond to queries from ET on the developments. However, official sources said reviews aimed at identifying more Chinese apps and their funding is underway. "Some of these apps have been red-flagged due to security reasons while others have been listed for violation of data sharing and privacy concerns," an official explained.

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