GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2401

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

OPERATING SYSTEM FOR INDIA

2401. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to develop an Operating System (OS) indigenous to India to compete with existing Operating System like Android and ios of Apple;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether aforesaid OS will be available only in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of resources planned to be allotted by the Government to develop OS entirely from the scratch;
- (e) whether the Government will have access to all the data collected by abovesaid OS system; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIRAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a) and (b): No, Sir. However, the Government is considering development of Operating System, as part of the Government efforts to create a vibrant design and innovation ecosystem in Electronics and Information Technology.
- (c): There is no policy in the Government that restricts the export & use of Indian Software Products outside India.
- (d): No funds have been allocated by the Government to develop an Indian Mobile Operating System.
- (e) and (f): Do not arise.
