

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2104
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.03.2020

**PURCHASE OF PEGASUS SOFTWARE BY
ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY/DEPARTMENT**

2104. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Pegasus Software that permits unauthorized access to mobile phone via security vulnerability in Whatsapp has been purchased by any Government agency / department; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for authorization of such purchase which directly infringes upon the Fundamental Right to Privacy under Article 21 of the Constitution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

- (a): No such information is available with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- (b): Does not arise.
