

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020

BANNING OF CHINESE APPs

668. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has banned any apps that have any linkage with China and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of apps banned by the Government so far and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any details regarding the number of job loss and financial loss occurred due to the said ban and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to ban all apps having any linkage with China and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) : The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has blocked 224 mobile apps under the provisions of section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India and security of State. Blocking of such Apps has been done on national security concerns and thus linkage with any country may not be disclosed in public domain.

(c) : No such detail is available with MeitY.

(d) : There is no such proposal with MeitY.
