GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 209
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.12.2022

CHINESE APPLICATIONS UNDER USAGE

209:   SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

(a)   the number of chinese applications currently under usage and download in India after the ban of a total 54 chinese apps along with the impact assessment report of the said ban;

(b)   whether the Government is aware that multiple chinese applications are currently under usage and are already more popular than multiple Indian applications; and

(c)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (c): Based on the request received from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) issued blocking directions to blocka total of 348 mobile applications including chinese application under the provision of section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 and the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information for Public) Rules, 2009.

These mobile applications were blocked in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defense of India and security of the State.

The database of mobile applications available on internet is not maintained by this ministry. The mobile applications that were blocked under section 69Aare not operational in India.

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