

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 744
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

REMOVAL OF MOBILE APPLICATIONS

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

- (a) whether Government has asked intermediary platforms to remove mobile applications as part of the IT guidelines;
- (b) if so, the details of the applications removed since 2020 and the reasons for removal of each of them; and
- (c) whether these applications were issued any warning and if an independent investigation was conducted to understand the cause of it?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Governments are objective aimed at ensuring Open, Safe&Trusted and Accountable internet for its users. Government has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 ("IT Rules 2021") under the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000. The said Rules provides for removal of such apps, if an app is considered unlawful under the extant law, through playstore / appstore (intermediaries) as and when requested by an appropriate government or its authorized agency.

This Ministry does not keep any details of removal of mobile applications under IT Rules, 2021.
