GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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BAN ON CHINESE APPs

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

(a) the details of the Chinese apps banned in India; and
(b) whether Government is encouraging Indian students to develop Indian apps and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government has blocked 224 mobile applications under the provisions of section 69A of Information Technology Act 2000 and its rules namely "The Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information for Public) Rules, 2009". These mobile applications were blocked primarily in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State and defence of India. Due to national security concerns, linkage with any country may not be disclosed in public domain.

(b): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)-Niti Aayog had invited Indian entrepreneurs and start-ups for Digital India AatmaNirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge to give a push to India App ecosystem by identifying the best Indian Apps that have the potential to become global leaders in their field. Total 6,940 entries were received under Digital India Aatma Nirbhar Bharat App Innovation challenge. Best 24 Apps were selected in 9 categories- Business (Fintech and Agritech), e-Learning, Entertainment, Games, Health, News, Office and Work from Home, and Others.

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