

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1350**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 22.09.2020

**BANNED APPs OF CHINA**

**1350 SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:**

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

- (a) the details of Apps from China banned so far;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is a probability that Chinese companies may use clones of banned apps and start circulating them;
- (c) if so, the details of mechanism that the Ministry has to block even clone apps;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that TikTok threatened to go to court; and
- (e) if so, in what manner Ministry is going to deal with it?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE 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 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) and (c): If a request for blocking of such clone apps are received from designated nodal officers, due process of blocking of such clones under section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provisions and the Rules notified under this section will be followed.

(d) and (e): Tiktok had approached Honorable High Court of Telangana on 20.07.2020 challenging the ban imposed by the Government of India. The court after detailed hearing disposed the matter in favor of Government of India.

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