

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF TELECOM GADGETS

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

- (a) whether the imported mobile sets/ telecom gadgets of some of the foreign companies including China have inbuilt spyware and software such as 'tiger text' which may put our national security and the individual privacy at risk;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ban the import of such gadgets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to safeguard the national security and individual privacy?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (e) As per the information currently available with the Government, 'Tigertext' is an application software, which can be downloaded from the internet for use in mobile handsets and some handsets are reported as compatible to use the said application. However, Licensed Telecom Services Providers are required to provide the facilities to Security Agencies for lawful interception and monitoring as per their license terms & conditions.