

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SMARTPHONES OF CHINA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) has banned the use of any Chinese smartphones due to cyber security threat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any advisory has been issued by the IAF in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Based on the findings of Indian Air Force (IAF) Computer Emergency Response Team, IAF has issued an advisory to its personnel in August 2014 to refrain from using certain models of Chinese Xiaomi mobile devices.