

(c) whether Ministry is considering formulating any policy on Blockchain technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) and (b) Blockchain is one of the emerging technologies in the field of Information Technology. Accordingly, this technology has potential applications in domains such as governance, banking and finance, cyber security etc. The key areas of governance where Blockchain as a technology can be leveraged include healthcare, supply chain, property registration, smart cities, voting, passport, education, finance, banking, transportation, etc. It can also be leveraged for various agricultural intensive applications like traceability of crops, organic seeds etc.

(c) and (d) Government is exploring ways to adopt Blockchain Technology that shows potential in sectors such as governance, healthcare, cyber security, automobiles, media, travel, hospitality, energy, smart cities, etc.

Transmission of Indian user data to China by Chinese manufactured mobile phones

1342. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on Chinese manufactured mobile phones and tablets to assess whether they are transmitting Indian user data to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and volume of data transmitted thus far; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not conducting such assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) to (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has not conducted any such study.