

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1659**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.05.2016

**MOBILE APPLICATIONS**

**1659 SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for mobile manufacturing / marketing companies to ensure that the mobile phone supports the various applications related to Government services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken in this regard so far?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, the Government, vide the Department of Telecommunications Notification No.G.S.R. 436(E) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 has notified the panic button and Global Positioning System facility in all mobile phone handsets Rules, 2016. As per these rules, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, provision of panic button and with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, facility of identifying the location through Satellite based GPS has been made mandatory in new mobile handsets sold in India.

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