

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 723**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

**BANNING OF NSO GROUP**

**723. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether United States of America has blacklisted NSO Group and Candiru, for providing Pegasus spyware, which has been used to maliciously target journalists, embassy workers and activists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has also banned the NSO Group in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a) and (b): No such information is available in this Ministry.
- (c),(d) and (e): No, Sir. There is no proposal for banning any group named 'NSO group'

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